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Dear Parent/Carer

As you may already be aware, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), along with Health Education, will soon be forming part of the National Curriculum. This change begins as of September 2020.

As part of our school's wider Personal, Social and Health Education programme (PSHE) your child will soon receive lessons on relationships, sexual health and personal safety.

Schools are required to consult with parents when developing and reviewing their policies for Health Education and RSE, which will inform schools' decisions on when and how certain content is covered. We will be holding an online consultation evening shortly and will be sending out invites to all parents. In order to provide some background information, please find attached a guide for parents from the Department for Education and a draft outline of the topics that are planned to be covered by year group at our academy. Following the consultation, we will be providing copies of the lesson content.

The purpose of the upcoming curriculum is to provide knowledge and understanding of safe and healthy relationships based on respect. The subject is designed to help children from all backgrounds build positive and safe relationships throughout life, and to thrive in modern Britain.

The Department for Education document discusses the right of parents to withdraw their child from some or all sex education lessons. It also highlights that parents cannot withdraw their child from health education or the relationship element of our teaching.

We believe the content of these subjects – such as family, friendship, safety (including online safety) – are important for all children to be taught. We are confident you will share our enthusiasm for the successful implementation of the new PSHE curriculum, which we feel will benefit all of our students. We are looking forward to discussing and sharing further information in due course.

If you have any immediate questions or comments about the programme which you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



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