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Dear Parents/Carers

As you may be aware, schools and academies have a statutory duty to teach Relationships, Sex and Health Education from September 2020., however this was delayed until the Summer Term of 2021 due Covid-19 and school not being open fully to all pupils. Relationships and Sex Education aims to give young people the information they need to help them develop healthy, nurturing relationships of all kinds. Health Education aims to give you people the information they need to make good decisions about their own health and wellbeing.

Our school prides itself on delivering effective, age-appropriate relationships and sex education (RSE) that meets the needs of all our pupils within an inclusive and supportive learning environment; using non-biased resources. RSE is taught by experienced and skilled teaching staff who are committed to preparing your child to live and learn safely in the modern world, negotiating the transition into increasing independence with the development of knowledge, values and skills to make positive, healthy and safe choices.

RSE will deliver a spiral curriculum that enables pupils to build on their prior learning by revisiting some themes to further develop knowledge, values and skills in an age and stage-appropriate manner. As such, some themes are repeated to enable a deeper exploration of the related issues. I have attached a copy of our Policy and Rolling Programme which will start after the Easter break. I have also included a Parent Guide produced by the DfE.

I would like to take this opportunity to reassure you that none of the teaching materials or strategies should shock pupils. All lessons will be taught in a strictly non-judgemental and non-biased manner, to allow your child the opportunity to consider the information and develop their own values, attitudes and opinions about the topic. We would encourage you to discuss your child's relationships and sex education with them at home. This is an opportunity for you to share your family values in relation to the topics, building strong channels of communication about emotions, the human body and relationships with your child.

I hope that you will find the documents useful.

Yours sincerely,

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