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Dear Parents/Carers,

I wanted to update parents/carers about the work we have been doing to teach the new statutory requirements for relationships and health education in secondary schools which became statutory from September 2020, although the Government has given schools an extension on this date to deliver the new curriculum due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

We have been working on how we can make sure that our PSHE education curriculum meets the new Government requirements and the needs of our pupils. We tried hard to make sure that our new curriculum reflects:

- Our pupils' age and maturity levels, as well as their cultural and family backgrounds
- The values and ethos of our school community
- Every pupil's learning needs
- What pupils need to know to be healthy, respectful and safe in school, the community, in their relationships and in the modern wider world.

We had planned to hold a parent consultation meeting last term, but this was not possible due to the pandemic. As you know, we are still living with COVID-19 restrictions, so unfortunately it is still not possible or safe for us hold a meeting like this. We do really value your views, so instead we will be running an online consultation process.

This will involve us sharing our draft RSE policy with you along with an overview of our curriculum plan and some other useful documents. This consultation is really important to the school. We would like all parents/carers to give us constructive feedback on this and also be clear on what the Government is asking us to teach, and how we have arranged our curriculum to do this in an effective and age-appropriate way.

This consultation will take place via our school website and is planned to run for a two-week period from 26th October to 9th November 2020. The school will then take a few weeks to review any views and feedback and answer any questions before we publish our final policy on our school website.

Mr D. Kirk Head Teacher

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