



# Whimble Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

## **Relationships and Sex Education**

Parent Consultation ending on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020

As part of your child's educational experience at Whimble Primary School, we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive taught programme of Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education that gives children and young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, happy and fulfilled lives, both now and in the future.

As you may already be aware, the Department for Education has announced changes to relationships and sex education following nationwide consultation. These changes have come into effect from September 2020 but full implementation in schools has been delayed due to the current covid19 situation. All schools will be required to comply with the updated requirements by the summer term 2021. The statutory guidance can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education>

The new guidance focuses on healthy relationships and keeping children safe in the modern world. It also covers a wide range of topics relating to physical and mental health, wellbeing, safeguarding and healthy relationships.

Learning about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up will give children and young people the information, skills and positive values to have safe, fulfilling relationships and help them take responsibility for their own well-being.

From September 2020, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), along with Health Education, is *statutory*, and forms part of the National Curriculum.



In preparation we have been reviewing our RSE curriculum and policy so we can be sure our RSE provision is appropriate for our pupils based on their:

- Age
- Physical and emotional maturity
- Religious and cultural backgrounds
- Special educational needs and disabilities

As part of our curriculum review we would welcome your views, through our online survey, on:

- Our draft policy for Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)
- When and how certain content within this subject is covered.

What is taught, and how, is ultimately a decision for the school and consultation does not provide a parental veto on curriculum content as schools are legally required to teach the National Curriculum. The aspects of RSE that we are choosing to cover are also part of the Science National Curriculum.

As a school community, we are currently in unprecedented times which make it a little more challenging to consult with you. In order to help you to understand the curriculum requirements, we have added further DfE guidance and also our draft Policy for Relationships and Sex Education on the School website. Please read them first before completing the online survey.

**Information on the website includes:**

- DfE guidance that outlines statutory requirements
- A powerpoint presentation for parents
- Curriculum coverage - science, relationships education and health education
- PSHE curriculum
- Changing Me progression grids
- Draft PSHE inc RSE Policy

The anonymous survey to complete is at: <https://forms.gle/PnH4omsskgoVW3x47>

This can all be found on the school website, parents tab at:

[https://whimble-primary.eschools.co.uk/website/relationships\\_and\\_sex\\_education/522030](https://whimble-primary.eschools.co.uk/website/relationships_and_sex_education/522030)

Whimble Primary School will be starting their consultation process on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November and it will close on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

We value your views and we will respond to you on the outcome of this process. If you have queries please contact me via the school office.

Yours sincerely,



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