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Dear Parents and Carers,

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Consultation

At Petworth CofE Primary School we believe in teaching children about healthy relationships with friends and family. We work hard to ensure all children are taught how to be healthy and safe in their lives and in the choices they make. To this end, we would like to invite you to be part of our consultation regarding the introduction of the new Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) curriculum this year.

As you may already be aware, the Department for Education has announced changes to the RSE curriculum approach in schools. 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. They will also learn about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up, which 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 summer 2021, teaching Relationships, along with Health Education, has been statutory, and forms part of the National Curriculum. The Department for Education (DfE) recommend that all primary schools should have a sex education programme tailored to the age and the physical and emotional maturity of the pupils. Where sex education is provided at Primary School, parents will have the right to withdraw their child from sex education but not from statutory Relationships Education, Health Education or the content of the Science National curriculum.

The statutory guidance from the DfE can be found at:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/908013/Relationships Education Relationships and Sex Education RSE and Health Education.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/908013/Relationships_Education_Relationships_and_Sex_Education_RSE_and_Health_Education.pdf)

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

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education/physical-health-and-mental-wellbeing-primary-and-secondary>

To ensure our RSE curriculum meets the needs of our learners, we have been reviewing our curriculum and policies to ensure that our provision is appropriate for all year groups. Our final step is to consult with our parent community, for your thoughts and opinions on the policy, before the final version is confirmed. Therefore, we would appreciate your views on our draft policy for RSE. Please read through the attached document, which includes our proposed teaching progression for each year group. You can provide your thoughts by clicking on the link below and filling in our questionnaire: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BDQK33Q>.

The consultation will end on Wednesday 31st March. Once we have considered all feedback, the finalised Relationships and Sex Education Policy will be uploaded to the school's website. If you have any queries or concerns regarding the consultation process, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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