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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Relationships, Sex and Health Education Policy Parental Consultation

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

As you may already be aware, the Department for Education has announced changes made to the teaching of relationships and sex education following nationwide consultation. These mandatory changes came into effect from September 2020 and are being implemented in all schools in Summer 2021. The statutory guidance can be found at:

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

School currently teaches PSHRE through the Jigsaw programme and at present has only taught the broader elements of PSHRE. However, from Summer 21 the teaching of RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) components will begin. The focus will move onto 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. Children will also learn about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up and 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.

This means that we have been reviewing our RSE curriculum and policy so we can be sure our PSHRE provision is appropriate for our pupils based on their:

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

Whilst I am sure that there will be differences of opinion about this, we hope that consulting with you will help to ease any concerns or doubts you have about the teaching of RSE in our school. School has a statutory obligation to deliver these sessions to all children in line with the national curriculum. The aim of this consultation is to support parents in understanding the rationale behind the government's decisions and the content of the sessions.





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As s part of our curriculum review we would **appreciate** your feedback on:

- Our draft policy for PSHRE and 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 right to withdraw children from Sex Education lessons is explained in the draft Policy on the website and only applies to children in year 4 & 6. We will provide an opportunity in the near future for all parents to view lesson materials so you fully aware of the content taught.

We are currently in unprecedented times as a school community, which makes it a little more challenging to consult with you. To help you understand the curriculum requirements the following information can be found on our website under 'Curriculum' which I would encourage you to read. This includes:

- A summary of what all pupils are expected to know by the end of primary school,
- Our proposed draft Policy
- PHRSE curriculum overview
- DfE guidance that outlines statutory requirements.
- FAQs

Once you have read through the materials we would request that you complete a questionnaire by following **this link** <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PMFLS3Z> which is also available on the website, this questionnaire will be available until 03.03.21. Your views are especially important to us and we will respond to you on the outcome of this process later this term. Once we have considered all the feedback the final PSHRE and RSE policies will be uploaded onto the school's website.

I hope this letter and the information available on the school website goes some way to alleviate any worries you may have. If you have any queries or concerns regarding the consultation process, please do not hesitate me via the school office.

Mrs L.M Jones  
Headteacher

