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Wisdom Grows from Wonder

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As a part of your child's educational experience at Woodhouse 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, productive 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 will come into effect from Summer Term (this was delayed from Sept 2020 due to COVID) and all schools will be required to comply with the updated requirements.

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.

Consequently, from the Summer Term, Relationships Education (RSE), along with Health Education, will be statutory, and form part of the National Curriculum. This means that we have been reviewing our RSE curriculum and policy so we can be sure our RSE provision is appropriate for our pupils. We will also be teaching an age appropriate sequence of lessons on Sex Education and have sent information regarding this.

Whilst I am sure that there will be differences of opinion about this, we hope that consulting with you will help to inform our schools' decisions on when and how certain content is covered, and enable us to reach a general consensus.

Consequently, as part of our curriculum review we would like your views 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.

As a school community, we are currently in unprecedented times which make it a little more challenging to consult with you. To help you understand the curriculum requirements, I have sent documentation, 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,
- A copy of the proposed PSHE curriculum through which we will teach RSE - this is through our Jigsaw lessons – please see information on Jigsaw for parents/carers
- Our proposed draft Policy for Relationships, Sex and Health Education - this includes an appendix with guides from Jigsaw related to the teaching of Sex Education and the inclusion of diversity within the policy ‘What does Jigsaw teach about LGBTQ relationships?’ The policy also outlines the DfE guidance that outlines statutory requirements.
- A link to a named Consultation Questionnaire on Survey Monkey:

We will be starting their consultation process on 12th May; the consultation will close on the 19th May

Consultation Questions (on the questionnaire).

1. Child’s Name (required so that we can discuss any queries or concerns with individual parents).
2. Would you like support at home, on how to speak to your child about relationship and sex?
3. Are there any changes or additions that you think should be made to the RSE Policy?
4. Are there any changes or additions that you think should be made to the RSE Curriculum outline?
5. Thinking about relationships and sex education, what do you believe is the most important subject area that should be taught for different age groups/key stages and why?
6. Thinking about relationships and sex education, is there an area that you think should not be taught for different age groups/key stages and why?

The questionnaire can be found below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3C73PTN>

Your views are very important to us and we will respond to you on the outcome of this process. We will also post a video explaining the why, how and what we teach in our Sex Education sections of Jigsaw

Once we have considered all the feedback, the finalised Relationships and Sex Education Policy will be uploaded to the school’s website which will also set out the proposed curriculum.

I hope this letter and attached information goes some way to answer any questions you may have. If you have any queries or concerns regarding the consultation process, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely

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