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Dear NCS families,

As you may be aware, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), along with Health Education, will be part of the National Curriculum from September 2021.

As part of our school's wider Personal Development Curriculum, your child will soon receive lessons on relationships, sexual health and personal safety.

Schools are required to consult with parents when developing and reviewing their policies for Relationships Education and RSE, this will inform our decision on when and how certain content is covered. The consultation questionnaire can be found here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScAq66IZqCjtmWboX6nfzk-LijJaekXfoOOjPROMwDQAPPgUA/viewform?usp=sf_link

The purpose of this curriculum is to provide knowledge and understanding of safe and healthy relationships based on respect and the importance of building positive and safe relationships.

Please be aware that:

You have a right to withdraw your child from sex education delivered as part of RSE in secondary schools which, unless there are exceptional circumstances, will be granted up to three terms before your child turns 16. At this point, if the child themselves wishes to receive sex education rather than be withdrawn, the school should make arrangements for this to happen in one of the three terms before the child turns 16 - the legal age of sexual consent.

There is no right to withdraw from Relationships Education at secondary level as it is important that children learn about topics such as family, friendship, safety (including online safety), to help them to keep safe.

Best wishes,

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