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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Information Sharing and Gathering for Relationships, Sex and Health Education

As a part of your child's educational experience at New City Primary we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive 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 April 2021 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> and a parental guide can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-sex-and-health-education-guides-for-schools>. Alternate language copies of this document are also available. If you are not able to access online, please feel free to contact the school and we can arrange a printed copy for you.

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 April 2021 Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), along with Health Education will be statutory and form part of the National Curriculum. As a school, we have decided to only teach the statutory aspects for RSE for primary schools and so we will not be teaching sex education - 'how a human baby is conceived and born'. Sexual reproduction in mammals will still be taught as part of National Curriculum Science in year 5.

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



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

Here at New City Primary we acknowledge that parents/carers are a child's first and most effective teacher and so we wish to share information with, and gather information from you to help us 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 your views on:

- Our draft policy for Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE)
- 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 we are not teaching non-statutory aspects of RSE, there is no right to withdraw children from any PSHE lessons.

We are currently in unprecedented times however as a school community which makes it a little more challenging to engage in these discussions with you. To help you understand the curriculum requirements we have included DfE guidance that outlines statutory requirements above. Our proposed RSE draft policy can also be found on our website under School Policies. We would love to receive your feedback via a questionnaire on Google forms:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeV3taMlvptzk5wREZMmUDGthbjv2PPdvpKcgfTxpe3pCDsw/viewform?usp=sf_link

We would encourage you to engage with us virtually using this form due to the current health situation. However, if this is not possible for you, or you would prefer to have these conversations in person, we will also be holding meetings at the school on the below dates:

Tuesday 17th November: EYFS and Reception at 9:00am in the dining hall

Tuesday 17th November: Y1 and Y2 at 2:00pm in the dining hall

Thursday 19th November: Y3 and Y4 at 9:00am in the dining hall

Thursday 19th November: Y5 and 6 at 2:00pm in the dining hall



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Content specific to each year group will be delivered at each meeting. All meetings will be socially distanced and we ask for you to please wear a face covering. Please confirm your attendance by emailing info@newcity.boleyntrust.org. If you do not inform us that you are attending we will not be able to admit you to the meeting.

If you are unable to attend, we will also hold a Zoom Meeting on Monday 23rd November at 6pm. Please request a link to Zoom via info@newcity.boleyntrust.org

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 draft updated Relationships, Sex and Health Education Policy will be uploaded to the school's website which will also set out the proposed curriculum and how you can feedback.

I hope this letter and attached information 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 to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Stone

Head Teacher