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Dear Parents/Carers

As you will be aware, there was the opportunity for you to attend a meeting to understand and discuss the Government statutory guidance for relationships and health education (RHE) on Wednesday 2nd November. Thank you to those parents who attended the meeting, the slides used during the meeting are available on the school website for you to view.

The statutory guidance ensures that every child is guaranteed a PSHE education that covers mental health and wellbeing, physical health (including healthy lifestyles and first aid) and learning about safe, healthy relationships, including understanding consent and negotiating life online.

It also aims to ensure that all children grow up healthy, happy, safe and able to manage the challenges and opportunities of modern Britain. It is designed to equip children with knowledge to make informed decisions about their wellbeing, health and relationships as well as preparing them for a successful adult life. The world for young people looks very different from the way it did 20 years ago and these changes bring the content into the 21st century so that it is relevant for your children.

Our RHE policy needs to be reviewed annually. We have updated our policy to include the scientific terminology to name body parts within the RHE and Science curriculum, in line with our Safeguarding policy. We will be using the vocabulary 'vulva' and 'penis' to name external genitalia. This will be explicitly taught within the Year 1 curriculum in the Autumn Term when the children learn about similarities and differences and name different body parts. This vocabulary will also be used in school where appropriate when children might be talking about different parts of their body. It is important for children to be using accurate vocabulary when learning about their bodies, from a safeguarding perspective and to give children the ownership of their own body.

We have also updated the RHE Curriculum Map, detailing what is taught in each half term within each year group. The new updated curriculum map shows which texts are being used to enhance the learning within each year group. The policy shows the texts that we have in school that might be used within whole school assemblies or themed day/weeks e.g. anti-bullying week. This gives you as parents/carers the opportunity to share these texts at home if you wish. At the beginning of each academic year, we will notify each year group of the themes being covered within each half term and the texts that will be shared as part of this learning.

If you have any further questions or queries about the policy, please contact the school office who will forward your query to the appropriate member of staff.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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