

Dear Parents/Carers,

As a part of your child's educational experience at Hindhayes Infant School, we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive programme of Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education that develops children's 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 announced changes to relationships and sex education following nationwide consultation. 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, in this academic year, Relationships, along with Health Education, will be statutory, and form part of the National Curriculum. At Hindhayes, we have opted **not** to teach sex education but will follow the statutory curriculum for Relationships and Health Education.

This means that we have been reviewing our Relationships and

PSHE curriculum and policy so we can be sure our provision is appropriate for our pupils based on their:

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

We hope that this consultation will help to inform you on the statutory guidance and allow you to consider any personal views relating to this aspect of our curriculum. As part of our curriculum review we would appreciate your views on our draft policy for Relationships and PSHE.

To help you understand the curriculum requirements, I have placed information on our website which I would encourage you to read. I have included:

- Relationships and PSHE policy
- Long term and medium term plans for KS1
- Statutory Guidance from the DFE

Your views are very 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 finalised Relationships and PSHE Education Policy will be uploaded to the school's website which will also set out the proposed curriculum.

I hope this letter and information on the school website 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. This consultation process will end on January 24th 2022.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,
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