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Dear Parents/Carers,

As a part of your child's educational experience at Thames View Infants, 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 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, Relationships, along with Health Education, will be statutory, and form part of the National Curriculum. For Secondary schools Sex Education will also become statutory. Due to the age of the children at Thames View Infants, "stand alone" RSE lessons are not taught as this would not be age or stage appropriate. However, we recognise that it is important for children to understand their bodies and are able for example, to correctly name parts of their body and know which parts of their body are private. These lessons lay the foundation for future sex education lessons that will be taught in Key Stage 2 and beyond.

We have been reviewing our RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) curriculum and policy so we can be sure our RSE provision is appropriate for our pupils based on their:



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

We hope that consulting with you will help to inform our schools' decisions. Consequently, as part of our curriculum review we would appreciate your views on our draft policy for Relationships and Sex Education (RSE). We are keen to hear any feedback you may have regarding the policy and invite you to complete a questionnaire via Microsoft forms. Please use the link below by 6th June 2021.

<https://forms.office.com/r/DbWDppZaBy>

Please visit the website consultation page, there you will find a copy of the draft policy along with a copy of this letter and the link to the consultation document. If you would like help completing the form, please come to the office and speak to a member of staff who will support you to submit your views.

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. The right to withdraw children from some lessons is explained within the policy.

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 Sex 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.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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