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25th November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you may already be aware, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), along with Health Education, is now part of the National Curriculum. This change took place as of **September 2020** and is to be implemented by all schools by the summer term 2021.

As part of our school's wider Personal, Social and Health Education programme (now referred to as RSHE), we will be delivering the new curriculum as detailed in our curriculum plan (please see the link at the end of the letter), in the summer term 2021.

The purpose of implementing this curriculum change is to provide knowledge and understanding of safe and healthy relationships based on respect, which will continue through to adulthood. The subject is designed to help children from all backgrounds build positive and safe relationships, and to thrive in modern Britain.

The lessons cover 3 distinct areas: Relationships Education, Sex Education and Health Education. Delivery content for each year group, are available on the school website.

Parents **DO NOT** have the right to withdraw students from Relationships Education or Health Education at secondary level and we believe the content of these subjects such as; mental health, physical health, family, friendships, substance misuse and online safety are important for all children to be taught.

You **DO** however have a right to withdraw your child from sex education delivered as part of RSHE 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 At this point, if the child themselves wishes to receive sex education rather than be withdrawn they are free to do so. These sessions take place in Year 9 and Year 11. If you do wish to make this request, it must be done in writing to the Headteacher, Mrs Sweeney.

If you do choose to withdraw your child we must make you aware that:

- Your child will not be in the classroom during non-statutory sex and relationship education lessons.
- We anticipate that you will provide instruction on sex and relationship education to your child in your home.
- Your child will continue to be assessed on their understanding as part of PSHE lessons.

The draft RSHE policy will be available to view on the school's website. If you would like to provide feedback on our new RSHE policy you have the opportunity to do so at our parent's session which we hope will take place in the Spring term.





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If you would like to find out more about specific year group teaching content, you can find this information here:

<https://www.astonmanor.bham.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Snapshot-Map.pdf>

We are confident you will share our enthusiasm for the successful implementation of the new RSHE curriculum, which we feel will benefit all of our students. Thank you for your continued support and you are welcome to contact me to discuss the programme further.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Dennis

PSHE Coordinator and Head of Year 7

