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Dear Parents / Carers,

As part of your child's education at Penshurst CE Primary School Primary School, we promote personal wellbeing and development through our Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) curriculum. This gives our children the knowledge, understanding and skills to lead healthy, safe and productive lives. You may be aware that the Department for Education has announced compulsory changes to the relationships and sex education for all primary and secondary schools in the UK. These changes come into effect in the summer term, 2021. All schools are required to comply with the updated changes. The statutory guidance can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-sex-and-health-education-guides-for-schools>

The new guidance focuses on healthy relationships and keeping children safe in the modern world. It also covers a range of topics relating to physical and mental health, wellbeing and safeguarding. Learning about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up gives children the information and positive values to have safe and fulfilling relationships and help them take responsibility for their own wellbeing.

At Penshurst, we are using the PSHE Association's excellent materials and guidance to support us in meeting these legal requirements. We do this through using the PSHE Association's recommended programme of study and resources. We have reviewed our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) policy and curriculum so we can be sure our provision is age appropriate and relevant for our pupils. Our provision takes into account our children's ages, their religious and cultural backgrounds and any special educational needs they might have.

Please see our school website for the draft Relationships and Sex Education policy and when/ how certain content within the subject will be covered. We welcome your views on these documents. As we cannot currently have parents in school, it makes having a consultation with parents more difficult. If you would like to contact us about these, please email the dedicated teacher email teacher@penshurst.kent.sch.uk. Parents and carers have the right to withdraw their child from some lessons on sex education, but cannot withdraw children from relationships education or any content that is covered in the science curriculum.

To help you understand the curriculum, we have put some useful documents on the website and this includes:

- What children are expected to know before leaving Year 6
- Proposed draft policy for Relationships and Sex Education
- DfE guidance on the changes to relationships and sex education
- A PowerPoint presentation for parents to view
- Our long term plan for PSHE

The consultation will begin on 25th June 2021 and close on Monday 5th July. Please email your feedback on the following consultation questions:

1. Are there any changes or additions that you think we should make to the Relationships and Sex policy?
2. Are there any changes or additions that you think should be made to the Relationships and Sex curriculum outline?
3. Has your child ever asked you questions about growing up, sex and relationships?
4. Do you want more support to help you talk to your child about sex and relationships?
5. Would you like more information about what school teaches on sex and relationships?

Your views are very important to us and we will respond to you on the outcome of the process after the consultation has closed. Once we have considered all the feedback, the final Relationships and Sex Education Policy will be uploaded to our website.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding the consultation process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Sue Elliott
Headteacher