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Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education

Dear Parents and Carers,

As a part of your child's educational experience at Ovingham CE First School, 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 be aware, from September 2020 the Department for Education is making Relationships and Health Education (Primary) and Relationships Sex Education and Health Education compulsory in all schools.

What does the new guidance mean?

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, it will give children and young people the information, skills and positive values to have safe, fulfilling relationships and will help them take responsibility for their own well-being.

All of the sessions will be age-appropriate and meet the needs of all pupils in the class.

How will this be delivered?

This guidance will form part of our school's PSHE education programme which is taught throughout the school in every year group and is monitored and reviewed regularly by the staff and governing body.

For more detail about our PSHE curriculum offer, please visit the school's website. All teaching in PSHE will take place in a safe learning environment and be underpinned by our school vision and values. A variety of opportunities will be provided for pupils to ask questions to further their understanding and to find out more about what affects them personally.

New Policy

In preparation for changes to the school curriculum, all schools have been asked to create a Relationships and Sex education policy. This policy has been reviewed and agreed by the Governing Body. It can be found at:

<http://www.ovinghamfirst.northumberland.sch.uk/website/policies/182415>

We are now opening up a 2-week consultation period for parents and carers to give you the opportunity to ask any questions you have in relation to the policy (which is attached to this correspondence). The consultation period will end on **Tuesday 14th July 2020**.

What if I have questions?

As a school community, we are committed to working with parents and carers. If you would like to discuss any aspects of the policy or the PSHE curriculum, please contact school on 01661 832581 or admin@ovinghamfirst.northumberland.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

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(PSHE lead)