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Dear Parents/Carers

Together with the SLT, I am writing to you about the recent announcement in relation to RSHE (Relationships Sexual Health Education) in the press over the last few days.

In September 2020, it was made compulsory that all primary schools taught Relationships and Health education and recommended that Sex Education be taught under schools' discretion.

*'At primary school relationships education teaches children a wealth of information about healthy relationships, including how to communicate their own boundaries and recognise the boundaries of others, staying safe online, and the differences between appropriate and inappropriate or unsafe contact. We strongly encourage schools to include the teaching of different family models and same-sex relationships.'*

*'Health education should include puberty, including menstruation, and this should as far as possible be addressed before onset. It also focuses on teaching the characteristics of good physical health and mental wellbeing, and teachers should be clear that mental wellbeing is a normal part of daily life, in the same way as physical health'. DFE 2021*

Last year, the Prime Minister and Education Secretary brought forward the first review of the curriculum and this is now at the consultation stage with a report and final guidance set to be provided later in the year.

As a school, whilst we wait for further guidance from the Government and Aquila, we have removed all Sex Education themed lessons for children aged 9 and below, which cover puberty and body changes. We are also removing the FGM lesson from Year 6, which was recommended originally by Safeguarding guidelines, until we have further information from the Government.

In the coming week, I will upload the map of the new adapted sessions for our PSHE curriculum and the RSE for Year 5 and 6. This will give you further information about the areas to be covered in Term 6. **Please note that this information will replace the RSHE PPT that was to be shared prior to press release.**

When we have received the review statutory guidance, I will be in contact with you again, however, if you have any further questions please contact us.

Kind regards

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