



# Stoke Fleming School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of your child's educational experience, we aim to promote personal 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 has announced changes to relationship and sex education following national consultation. These changes came into effect from September 2020 and all schools are required to comply with the updated guidance. The statutory information can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/personal-social-health-and-economic-education-pshe/personal-social-health-and-economic-pshe-education>

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, safeguarding and healthy relationships. Learning about 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 responsibility for their own well-being. Consequently, from the Summer 2021, Relationship and Sex Education (RSE), along with Health Education, will be statutory, and form part of the National Curriculum.

With this in mind, we have been reviewing our RSE curriculum and policy so we can be sure our RSE provision is appropriate for our pupils based on their:

- Age
- Physical and emotional maturity
- Religious and cultural background
- Special Educational needs and disabilities

Whilst I am sure there will be differences of opinion about this, we hope that consulting with you will help to inform our school's decision on when and how certain content is covered. Consequently, as part of the curriculum review we would like your view on:

- Our draft Relationship and Sex Education Policy
- RSE Curriculum Map

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 is explained in the Frequently Asked Questions which accompanies this letter.

To help to inform you about the curriculum requirements, I have placed information on the school website which I would encourage you to read. This includes:

- RSE Expectations by the End of Primary School
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Our proposed Draft RSE Policy
- DfE primary school guidance for parents
- A presentation for parents
- An anonymous questionnaire

Here is the link to the form "RSE Parent Consultation":

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=FvE2DOJBMU2g1mma5GJwmMMKcf3BRfdMsx8o70YIY71UNE1HRUpITDgxV09SNTJDN05KREdZTFFVSC4u>

We will be starting our consultation on **12.3.21**, the consultation closes on **22.3.21**.

Consultation questions

1. Would you like support at home, on how to speak to your child about relationship and sex education?
2. Are there any additions that you think should be made to the RSE Policy?
3. Are there any additions that you think should be made to the RSE curriculum outline?
4. Are there aspects that you would like further information on?

Your views are important to us and we will respond to you with the outcome of this process later this term. Once we have considered all feedback, the draft updated Relationship and Sex Education Policy will be uploaded on the school's website which will also set out the school's curriculum and how you can feedback.

I hope this letter and attached information goes some way to inform you and also to alleviate any worries you may have. If you have any queries or concerns regarding this consultation, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher