



18th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your response to the first stage of our consultation where we outlined the DfE requirements for Relationship Education going forward. The next stage of our consultation is to outline the policy details that will guide our teaching at Heathland School.

The new Department for Education guidelines make Relationships Education and Health Education compulsory for all pupils receiving primary education. We have chosen to include statutory Relationships and Health Education within our Personal Health and Social Education (PHSE) policy. We value PSHE as one way to support children's development as human beings, to enable them to understand and respect who they are, to empower them with a voice and to equip them for life and learning.

The Department for Education continues to recommend that all primary schools should have a sex education programme tailored to the age and the physical and emotional maturity of the pupils. In addition to statutory science and the new statutory Relationships and Health Education guidelines, our PHSE policy outlines how we will be delivering Relationship and Sex Education lessons to pupils in Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 & Year 6). In our policy you will be able to see which lessons are taught in these year groups.

We have worked hard to make sure that our new curriculum reflects:

- Our pupils' age and maturity levels, as well as their cultural and religious backgrounds
- The values of our school community
- Every pupil's learning needs
- What pupils need to know to be healthy and safe in school, in their personal relationships and in the wider world

You will find a copy of our new draft policy attached to this email. We have also made it available on our website at <http://www.heathlandschool.net/letters/>

We would like your feedback on the proposed curriculum, and the policy. Due to the current circumstances we are asking that if parents have any comments regarding the policy that you contact us via the same online method as our first consultation. Please send any comments to RHE Consultation at Heathland School heconsultation@heathland.harrow.sch.uk. The deadline for responding to the consultation is Friday 5th February 2021.

Following this consultation, we will begin a period of staff training to ensure that the curriculum will be in place for the summer term 2021 when the Relationship and Health Education guidelines become compulsory.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss F R Hopkins
Headteacher