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Dear Parent/Carer

RSE AND HEALTH EDUCATION CONSULTATION

As part of the Government's curriculum reforms, from September 2020, it will be a statutory requirement for all students in secondary schools (Years 7 to 11) to study Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education. This is in addition to the compulsory introduction of Relationships and Health Education in primary schools.

As you are aware, all students at Sandhill View Academy, already have a timetabled lesson for Personal Development each week. We have been involved in the pilot, as a DfE designated Early Adopter school, for introducing the new requirements and therefore our existing Personal Development curriculum already includes many of the statutory content elements. However, there are some additional themes that need to be added to our curriculum to bring it fully in-line with the new requirements and to formalise the curriculum. In addition to the timetabled Personal Development lesson, many other elements of the new requirements are covered in other curriculum areas and in additional calendared activities.

As part of the preparation for launching this new curriculum, the DfE guidance published in June 2019:

- makes it compulsory for all schools to have an RSE Policy and to consult parents and carers in the development of that policy;
- sets out the topics that need to be taught to students by the end of secondary schools; and
- makes changes to the right of parents or carers to withdraw their child from the elements of sex education that are not taught as part of the compulsory national science curriculum.

On the following page on the school's website, you will see a copy of our draft proposed PSHE and RSE Policy, and a copy of the DfE's information leaflet for parents. <https://www.sandhillview.com/the-academy/2087-2/>

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

- Our values of equality, inclusion and respect for all students and communities;
- Our students' age and maturity levels, as well as their cultural and religious backgrounds;
- Every students' learning needs; and
- What students need to know to be healthy and safe in school, in their personal relationships and in the wider world

We would now like to consult parents and carers on our draft Policy and proposed Curriculum. If any parent or carer would like to submit any feedback or comments on the proposals, please send your comments by email to info@sandhillview.com with the subject line "RSE policy". The deadline for responses is Friday 19 June. We will consider responses to the consultation after this date so that our new policy can be published and curriculum prepared before the start of the new academic year in September.

Yours sincerely

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