

8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Relationship and Sex Education Consultation for Leighfield Primary School

As you may already be aware, Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) is a crucial element of the curriculum that equips our children with essential knowledge, understanding, and skills to develop positive relationships, foster respect, and make informed decisions about their own well-being. The Department for Education has recently updated the statutory guidance for RSE, emphasising its importance and encouraging schools to adapt their policies accordingly.

At Leighfield Primary School, we are committed to providing a comprehensive RSE program that is age-appropriate, inclusive, and respects the diverse backgrounds and beliefs of our students and their families. We believe that fostering open and honest discussions about relationships, consent, personal boundaries, and reproductive health is vital in promoting the well-being and safety of our pupils.

To ensure that our RSE curriculum reflects the values and needs of our school community, we are launching a consultation process to gather your feedback and suggestions. We value your input and believe it is essential to involve parents/carers in shaping the RSE provision at our school.

The consultation process will consist of the following steps:

1. Consultation Document: We have attached our proposed RSE policy detailing curriculum content, and teaching methods. This document will also be made available to you via our school website.
2. Feedback Submission: We invite you to provide your feedback, suggestions, or questions regarding our proposed RSE policy and curriculum. You can submit your feedback via email to [office@dsatleighfield.org] or by completing the feedback form by clicking here. The deadline for feedback submission is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Attached, you will find a copy of the RSE policy along with some further Government guidance for parents in relation to the teaching of RSE: Understanding Relationships and Health Education in your child's primary school: a guide for parents.

Please click the following link to complete the feedback questionnaire

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=7cXzqZdY-kCCZ246vAAaNFx9lpN0vIVEgegb9Ygb9z9UMjIWOTdJMTJSM1ZXQ1BBRkxZUDRZOVJVS4u>

Once we have collated all the feedback, we will carefully review and consider your comments and the final RSE policy and curriculum will be shared with you. We are committed to ensuring that every child receives an education that is both informative and respectful of their individual needs. Your participation in this consultation process will help us achieve this goal and ensure that our RSE provision is tailored to the specific requirements of our school community.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Should you have any immediate questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Best wishes,

Steph Wallace

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