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Dear parents/carers,

The Department for Education announced changes to relationships and sex education (RSE) over the last year.

This means that 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 backgrounds
- Special educational needs and disabilities

Unfortunately, due to these unprecedented times we are unable to hold a face to face group meeting with parents to discuss the policy. We have consulted with staff and governors on how we can make sure that our updated RSE curriculum meets the new requirements as well as the needs of our pupils.

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, ever changing world

To be clear, where parents once had the choice to remove their child from all RSE lessons each year, the vast majority of what is now required of schools is **statutory** and must be taught to all pupils. You cannot withdraw your child from Relationships and Health Education because it is important that all children receive this content, covering topics such as friendships and how to stay safe.

We have chosen as a school to continue to teach **age appropriate** Sex Education, as we believe this is also an important part of all children's education – enabling us to ensure the content is taught sensitively and accurately, rather than through hearsay and often inappropriate/ inaccurate online 'content'. As per this decision, there are three specific Sex Education lessons in addition to science coverage in Year 6. These are clearly highlighted in the policy and Jigsaw coverage map.

Year 4, Lesson 2 (Having a baby)

Year 5, Lesson 4 (Conception)

Year 6, Lesson 4 (Conception, birth)

We have now updated our PSHE policy to adhere to the Relationship and Sex education and Health Education statutory guidance. The policy has been uploaded on to the school website under the policy section. Parents/carers are advised to read the policy and relating materials linked to the PSHE scheme of work. Should you have any queries from the policy please email any questions to [admin@windhillschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@windhillschool.co.uk).

We will host an online session for parents and carers to further inform you about the PSHE curriculum and this will also provide an opportunity for us to address any questions regarding content and delivery.

Kind regards,

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