

**Headteacher**

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Dear Parent/ Carer

RE: Relationship and Sex Education (RSE)

The Department for Education has made changes to relationships and sex education following nationwide consultation. These changes which were originally to take effect from September 2020 will now be introduced in Summer 2021. All schools are required to comply with the updated requirements. The statutory guidance can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education>

As a part of your child's educational experience at Earlsmead Primary School, we aim to promote personal wellbeing 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.

The guidance focuses on healthy relationships and keeping children safe in the modern world. It also covers a wide range of topics relating to physical and mental health, wellbeing, safeguarding and healthy relationships.

Learning about the 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 take responsibility for their own well-being.

Consequently, from Summer 2021, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), along with Health Education, will be statutory, and forms part of the National Curriculum.

We have reviewed 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

As part of this process, the school will now consult with parents, staff and governors to inform our decisions on when and how certain content is covered.

This consultation will enable us to reach a general consensus and make adjustments to our policy and curriculum based on this feedback.

There will be a meeting for parents which will take the form of a presentation of the overview of RSE and the rationale behind the curriculum changes. This will take place on Wednesday 9th December at 4:30pm via zoom. The link and meeting ID is listed below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88197025391?pwd=cnVKaFJkeE1sY3pPdmZ3clktT1BjZz09>

Meeting ID: 881 9702 5391 Passcode: aPjK3n

Prior to the meeting I would like to encourage you to read the DfE RSE guide to parents and our FAQ page on our website.

Warm Regards

Ms N Marshall
Head Teacher