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Dear Parents and Carers

As you may have heard, the government has mandated that Relationships and Health Education (RHE) is now to be covered as a compulsory subject in all Primary Schools and that Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) in all secondaries. It is also encouraged that Primaries are responsive of the needs of their pupils at Primary level with the introduction of age-appropriate sex education topics which are carefully chosen and introduced to protect pupils from harm and to equip them to make positive choices prior to transitioning to secondary school.

As part of your child's education at Meare Village Primary School, we already promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education programme. This is the curriculum that gives children the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live safe, healthy, productive lives and meet their full potential. RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) will now be prioritised and we are keen to work with the parent/carer community in our planning as valued members of our school community. It is clear that if we work together, our children and young people will flourish.

Therefore, I am writing to let you know that, we have been reviewing our policy and curriculum and we would like to draw attention to the following:

1. The Governors and Staff have drafted our RSE policy. This document will outline our school values, our intended approach to the subject and the topics we aim to cover through the key stages.
2. The draft RSE policy is attached to this email and we welcome feedback and suggestions you have on this policy and curriculum.
3. From 22 March to 1 April 2021 we will be collecting responses, and taking time to finalise our policy with consideration of all suggestions.
4. The final policy will be published on our website on 19 April 2021.

N.B. During this consultation process we are available to discuss any particular concerns with parents via email or telephone.



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Whilst we can assure you that our planning and delivery will be carefully and responsibly considered and we do hope that all families, parents and carers will be happy and supportive of our plan, it is important to inform you of your right to withdraw your child from Sex Education. Having been fully briefed and regularly updated, if you are still considering this route for your child you will be invited to discuss your concerns prior to making a final decision.

We are excited to embark on this journey with you together and will continue to put the children's welfare, safety and personal development at the heart of all our policy, plans and activities.

Yours sincerely

Jan Fellows
Headteacher