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Dear Parents/Carers.

As part of your child's educational experience at Low Ash Primary School, we are committed to promoting the health and well-being of our pupils. In today's diverse society, it is vital that children develop an understanding of themselves, others and their community and how we can work together in harmony. They also need to know how to maintain healthy lifestyles and, most importantly, how to maintain all different kinds of relationships with others.

As you may already be aware, the Department for Education announced changes to Relationships and Sex Education following nationwide consultation. These changes were planned to come into effect from September 2020 and all schools were expected 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>

Due to the impact of Covid-19, the government extended the deadline for schools. Here is what the government guidance now states - 'The new curriculum will be compulsory from September 2020. Schools should start teaching from that date if they meet the statutory requirements. If they are not ready, or are unable to meet the requirements, they should begin teaching by at least the start of the summer term 2021.' Our curriculum currently meets the statutory requirements. However, we want to be able to offer comprehensive consultation materials for your consideration.

The new 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, well-being, 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.

As a school, we have already been teaching RSE (as part of our extensive PSHE program of study) and we have a comprehensive curriculum in place. However, we thought that this would be a good opportunity to review 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



INVESTORS IN PUPILS



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- Religious and cultural backgrounds
- Special educational needs and disabilities

Whilst we are sure that there will be differences of opinion about this, we hope that consulting with you will help to inform our school's decisions and enable us to reach a general consensus. Consequently, as part of our curriculum review we would like your views on **our draft policy for Relationships and Sex Education (including the curriculum offering)**.

As a school community, we are currently in unprecedented times which makes it a little challenging to consult with you. However, to help you understand the curriculum requirements, we have placed information on our website which we would encourage you to read. These include:

- A PowerPoint presentation for parents
- Understanding RSE in your child's primary school - A parent's guide
- Our proposed draft policy for Relationships, Sex and Health Education
- DfE guidance that outlines statutory requirements
- A document with some consultation questions for you to consider

This can all be found on our school website in the RSE consultation section.

Your views are very important to us and so will be starting our consultation process on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021**, and it will close on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021**. Once we have all the feedback, the finalised Relationships and Sex education Policy will be uploaded to the school's website and a finalised overview of the curriculum.

We hope that this letter and attached information answers some questions and concerns that you may have. If you have any queries or concerns regarding the consultation process, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely  
Lisa Thompson

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