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Dear Parents / Carers,

Relationship and Health Education Policy Parental Consultation

As a part of your child's educational experience at Colvestone we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive programme of Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education that gives children the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, productive and fulfilled lives, both now and in the future.

As you may already be aware, the Department for Education has announced changes to relationships and sex education following nationwide consultation. These changes came into effect from September 2020 and 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/relationships-education-primary>

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, wellbeing, safeguarding and healthy relationships. From September 2020 Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), along with Health Education is statutory and forms part of the National Curriculum.

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. This means that we have been reviewing our RHE curriculum and policy so we can be sure our RHE provision is appropriate for our pupils based on their:

- Age, physical and emotional maturity
- Religious and cultural backgrounds
- Special educational needs and disabilities

Whilst I am sure that there will be varied opinions about this we hope that consulting with you will help to inform our schools' decisions on when and how certain content is covered, and enable us to reach a general consensus. Consequently, as part of our curriculum review we would welcome your views on:

- Our draft policy for Relationships and Health Education (RHE)
- When and how certain content within this subject is covered.

What is taught and how, is ultimately a decision for the school and consultation does not provide a parental veto on curriculum content as schools are legally required to teach the National Curriculum.

To help you understand the curriculum requirements I have uploaded the information onto our website which I would encourage you to read. This includes:

- A summary of what all pupils are expected to know by the end of primary school
- Our proposed draft policy
- DfE guidance that outlines statutory requirements.
- A questionnaire via Google Forms

Your views are especially important to us and we will respond to you on the outcome of this process later this term. Once we have considered all the feedback the updated Relationships and Health Education Policy will be uploaded to the school's website.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding the consultation process, please do not hesitate me via the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Ephraim
Leader of Learning – PSHE and RE