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Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Consultation

What is taught, and how, is ultimately a decision for the school and consultation does not provide a parental veto in curriculum content as schools are legally required to teach the National Curriculum. However, **the right to withdraw** children from some lessons is explained within the policy.

As a school community, we are currently in unprecedented times, which makes it a little more challenging to consult with you. To help you understand the curriculum requirements, I have placed information on our school website and on ParentHub, which I would encourage you to read. Part of this is a presentation for parents and carers, which I would have ordinarily, have shared with you in person, and an information sheet.

We have included on the website and ParentHub:

- The draft Policy for Relationships and Sex Education
- A PowerPoint: Parent Consultation on Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)
- A leaflet: Understanding Relationships and Health Education in your child's primary school: a guide for parents.

Over the following weeks, we will be concluding all consultations with staff, parents and carers, and children (where appropriate), Ebor Academy Trust, Wider School Community Members (i.e. school nurse) in order to inform our draft Relationships and Sex Education Policy. Teaching staff are in the process of designing creative lesson plans as part of which we are carefully considering resources that will safely and subtly address all topics and areas.

Questions to consider:

- 1. Would you like support at home, on how to speak to your child about relationships and sex?
- 2. Are there any changes or additions that you think should be made to our draft RSE policy?
- 3. Thinking about relationships and sex education, what do you believe is the most important subject area that should be taught for different age groups/key stage and why?
- 4. Thinking about relationships and sex education, is there an area that you think should not be taught for different age groups/key stage and why?

If you have any thoughts regarding the questions above, we would like you to share them in with the school in an email. Please email the school office.

Our email is haxbyroadacademy@hr.ebor.academy

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 draft updated Relationships, Sex and Health Education Policy will be uploaded to the school's website which will also set out the proposed curriculum in more detail.

Thank you for your ongoing support
Miss Woodward