



# Redwood Primary School

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Dear parents/carers

As a part of your child's educational experience at Redwood Primary School, we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive programme of Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) 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.

As you may already be aware, the Department for Education has announced changes to the 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 from Summer 2021. The statutory guidance can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education>

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.

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, along with Health Education, will be statutory and form part of the National Curriculum.

This means that we have been reviewing 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 the review process, we would like to consult parents about:

- Our policy for Relationships and Sex Education;
- 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. The right to withdraw children from some lessons is explained in the Jigsaw guide for parents which accompanies this letter.

We are currently in unprecedented times which makes it more challenging to consult with you. To help you understand the curriculum requirements, we have placed information on 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;
- A guide for parents/carers from Jigsaw (the scheme of work we follow for PSHE and RSE)
- Our draft RSE policy
- Our Jigsaw curriculum
- DfE guidance

This can all be found at <https://www.redwoodprimary.com/relationship-and-sex-education-guidance/>

Redwood Primary School will be starting their consultation process to gain parental views on our RSE curriculum on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and the consultation will close on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021. You will be sent a link to an online form to answer the following questions:

1. Would you like support at home on how to speak to your child about relationship and sex education?
2. Are there are changes or additions you think should be made to the RSE policy?
3. Are there any changes or additions you think should be made to the RSE curriculum at Redwood?
4. Thinking about relationships and sex education, what do you believe is the most important subject area that should be taught for different age groups and why?
5. Thinking about relationships and sex education, is there an area that you think should not be taught for different age groups and why?
6. Do you have any additional comments or questions about the RSE curriculum?

Your views are very 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 policy will be uploaded to the school website along with details of the curriculum.

I hope this letter goes some way to alleviate any concerns you may have. If you have any queries regarding the consultation process, please do not hesitate to contact school.

Kind regards

Mrs L Shepherd