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RHE Curriculum Consultation Summer Term 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

The new Relationships and Health Education (RHE) curriculum becomes statutory in England in the summer term 2021 and the Department for Education have outlined the content of this curriculum for primary schools.

Within this curriculum we can choose to teach sex education, which we have historically chosen to do within the Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 and 6) 'Changing Me' unit and will continue to do for this academic year only. From academic year 2021/22, this will be taught in one stand-alone session for Years 5 and 6 as part of the BigTalk Education's Growing Up Safe programme. You have the right to withdraw your child from this session only. Relationships education will become compulsory for all schools and this will include lessons about puberty.

This letter is the start of our parental consultation. We are sharing our draft policy with you, which outlines how we intend teaching RHE at Westways Primary School. The policy and content of the RHE curriculum has already been through a rigorous consultation within Sheffield City Council and across different community and faith groups across Sheffield, as well as thorough consultation with our school staff and governors. We see new aspects of the RHE curriculum as a good opportunity to continue to explore and discuss themes such as respect for cultures, diversity, tolerance and inclusion of groups in our society.

As part of our consultation, we would like to invite you to comment on the curriculum we plan to implement. Please address your feedback or questions by email to enquiries@westways.sheffield.sch.uk using the subject 'RHE consultation' by Friday 2nd July 2021. The new materials are in line with the existing values, ethos and culture of our school and we want to use this opportunity to enhance what we already do by reflecting to a greater degree, the community we serve and the times in which we are living.

You can find the overviews for teaching the new curriculum by year group and our draft policy on the [school website](#). Additionally, we will be inviting you to participate in workshops led by BigTalk Education in the autumn term prior to the sessions for pupils in school.

We value your feedback and input as part of this consultation.

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Mrs S Fearnough
Executive Headteacher