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Dear Parent/Carer

As you may already be aware, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), along with Health Education, will soon be forming part of the National Curriculum. This change begins as of September 2020.

As part of our school's wider Personal, Social and Health Education programme, your child will soon receive lessons on relationships, sexual health and personal safety.

Schools are required to consult with parents when developing and reviewing their policies for Relationships Education and RSE, which will inform schools' decisions on when and how certain content is covered.

The purpose of the upcoming curriculum is to provide knowledge and understanding of safe and healthy relationships based on respect. This is to encourage the development of safe and healthy relationships throughout life. The subject is designed to help children from all backgrounds build positive and safe relationships, and to thrive in modern Britain.

You do have a right to withdraw your child from sex education delivered as part of RSE in secondary schools and unless there are exceptional circumstances, this will be granted up to three terms before your child turns 16. At this point, if a child wishes to receive sex education rather than be withdrawn, the school should make arrangements for this to happen in one of the three terms before the child turns 16 - the legal age of sexual consent.

There is no right to withdraw from Relationships Education at secondary level and we believe the content of these subjects – such as family, self-awareness, well-being, friendship, safety (including online safety) – are important for all children to be taught. However, we are confident you will share our enthusiasm for the successful implementation of the new PSHE curriculum, which we feel will benefit all of our students. We are looking forward to sharing further information in due course.

Over the next page is an outline of the lesson content covered in each year group **for term one**, all areas are approached in a sensitive manner and are age appropriate to each year group.

Year 7	What makes us unique, What influences our lives, Peer pressure, and online safety, consequences of what we say and do online.
Year 8	Stereotypes, Judgements and expectations, beliefs and identity, respecting faith and identity.
Year 9	Understanding intimate relationships, peer approval, links between positive self-identity and relationships.
Year 10	Liberty and safety, endings in situations, Social media influences, risks involved in on and offline.
Year 11	Understanding legislation, aspects of relationships and the law, importance of online safety, understanding the steps in an emergency.

You are welcome to contact me to discuss the programme further regarding the changes to the curriculum Katie.Norris@turnerschools.com. There will also a consultation session for further information, or to ask individual questions later in the year.

Yours faithfully,

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