



13 January 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: PSHE EDUCATION AT HARROGATE HIGH SCHOOL

As you may already be aware, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), along with Health Education, now forms part of the National Curriculum. This is now a statutory part of our delivered curriculum.

As part of our school's wider Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) programme, your child will receive lessons on Relationships, Sexual health and Personal Safety on a fortnightly basis in year groups as of January 2020. The lessons will be delivered in year groups, fortnightly on alternating periods. The dates of lesson delivery for the next ½ term are as follows:

15.01.20 28.01.20 10.02.20

Schools are required to consult with parents when developing and reviewing their policies for Relationships and Sex education (RSE), which will inform schools' decisions on when and how certain content is covered. We also value your opinion on this essential part of our curriculum. With this in mind, we are hosting a consultation evening on the evening of **22nd January from 6:30pm – 7:00pm** in the LRC. **Please could you confirm attendance by return of this email.**

The purpose of the upcoming curriculum is to provide knowledge and understanding of safe and healthy relationships based on respect and respectful relationships. 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. We would encourage you to continue the discussions stated in lessons with your child at home.

You do have a right to withdraw your child from Sex education delivered as part of RSE in secondary schools which, unless there are exceptional circumstances, will be granted up to three terms before your child turns 16. At this point, if the child themselves wishes to receive Sex education rather than be withdrawn, the school will plan for this to happen in one of the three terms before the child turns 16 - the legal age of sexual consent. Please contact me if you feel that you would like to withdraw your child from Sex education within school.

There is no right to withdraw from Relationships Education at secondary level and we believe the content of these subjects – such as family, 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 members of our school community. We are looking forward to sharing further information in due course.

You are welcome to contact me to discuss the programme further and I look forward to seeing many of you at the consultation on the 22nd January.

Yours sincerely,

Miss E Dobson

Miss Emma Dobson
Associate Assistant Headteacher

