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Dear Parents & Carers

We believe that promoting the health and well-being of our pupils is an important part of their overall education. We do this through our Relationships and Health Education. This looks at many topics including all kinds of relationships, physical / emotional health and living in the wider world. The aim of the RHE Curriculum is to help our pupils make safe and informed decisions during their school years and beyond.

As you may already be aware, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), along with Health Education, is now part of the National Curriculum. This change begins in the academic year September 2020 to July 2021. As part of our school's wider Personal, Social and Health Education programme, your child will soon receive lessons on relationships 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 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. There is an outline of the content of the lessons your child will receive on the RHSE section of the website.

Parents do not have a right to withdraw children from relationship education delivered as part of RHSE in primary schools.

We are confident that you will share our enthusiasm for the successful implementation for all children to be taught this curriculum subject. We feel this will be of benefit for all our children. We believe that children are presented with a mixture of myths and facts by the media, social media and their peers, and this education gives them the opportunity to check facts and dispel myths and hear first-hand through our well planned lessons.

You may find that your child starts asking questions about the topic at home or you might want to take the opportunity to talk to your child



about issues before they are raised at school. You are welcome to contact me to discuss the curriculum further. All materials are available for you to browse through on our website.

Please take some time to look through the materials we have shared on the website <https://www.orston.notts.sch.uk/relationships-and-health-education/> and to deliberate these questions. If you have any feedback, we require this to be emailed to [Nikki.crosby@orston.notts.sch.uk](mailto:Nikki.crosby@orston.notts.sch.uk).

### **Consultation Questions**

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

Your views are important to us and we will respond to you on the outcome of this process. Once we have considered all the feedback, we will upload the Relationship and Sex Education Policy onto the school website.

I hope this letter goes some way to alleviate any worries you may have. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Warmest Wishes  
Mrs Crosby

FAQ

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