

# NORTHGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may already be aware, as of September 2020, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), along with Health Education, now forms part of the National Curriculum. As a result of the COVID - 19, there has been a delay in the required teaching start date, which is now summer term 2021.

## **Why is this part of the curriculum important?**

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

This is a part of the school curriculum that we have always valued at Northgate and we have always taught pupils about positive relationships, personal health and keeping themselves safe. As part of our school's wider PSHCE (Personal, Social and Health and Citizenship Education) programme, your child will continue to receive lessons on relationships, sexual health and personal safety.

## **Why have we written to you?**

Schools are required to consult with parents when developing and reviewing their policies for Relationships, Health and Sex Education (RHSE). These consultations help us to inform schools' decisions on when and how certain content is covered. Attached to this email, you will find our new RHSE policy and a PowerPoint which summarises the teaching your child will have. All of the information we have sent out is available to view on our website, including a video which further explains the curriculum further – [please click here](#). As the policy and PowerPoint explain, all of the resources we use to deliver these lessons are age-appropriate and recommended by the PSHE association.

## **What would we like you to do now?**

Please spend time looking at the information attached and then complete the Parent Survey which can be found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HB7BDPK>

We would value your input about the teaching that will be covered across our year groups and the survey is the best way for you to share your thoughts. You can also contact us on the following email: [pshce@northgate.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:pshce@northgate.w-sussex.sch.uk)

## **When will final decisions be made?**

We will keep the consultation period open until Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July. At that time, we will look at any questions and comments from the survey and emails and answer them during our zoom meeting for parents on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 4pm. Details of the zoom meeting will be sent out nearer to the date.

Thank you for your support,

The PSHCE team

(Mrs Stafford-Carroll, Mrs Rowlatt and Mrs Boltman)