



HILLINGDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning and Achieving Together

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Dear Parents and Carers,

From September 2020 the Department for Education made Relationships and Health Education compulsory in all primary schools. Schools were given 12 months to implement this locally due to the COVID pandemic. At Hillingdon Primary School these changes will come into effect from the Autumn term of 2021.

In preparation for implementing the new requirements, we have reviewed our curriculum and prepared a draft Relationships Education, Health Education and Relationships and Sex Education Policy so we can be sure our provision meets all legal requirements and is appropriate for our pupils based on their age; physical and emotional maturity; religious and cultural backgrounds; and special educational needs and/or disabilities.

Both parents and schools play a key role in the education of children and we are keen to receive your feedback on the draft policy. Accordingly we will be consulting with parents on the draft policy over the coming two weeks.

Please read below for further background information on the changes and details of the consultation process and documentation. **The consultation will close at 9am on Tuesday 29th June 2021.**

New Guidance and Further Information

“The Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education (England) Regulations 2019, made under sections 34 and 35 of the Children and Social Work Act 2017, make Relationships Education compulsory for all pupils receiving primary education. They also make Health Education compulsory in all schools except independent schools.” (DfE Guidance)

The new curriculum, as detailed in the DfE Guidance, focuses on healthy relationships and keeping children safe in the modern world. It also covers a wide range of topics relating to physical and mental health, wellbeing, safeguarding and healthy relationships.

The Secretary of State in his opening extract to the guidance states that:

‘These subjects represent a huge opportunity to help our children and young people develop. The knowledge and attributes gained will support their own, and others’ wellbeing and attainment and help young people to become successful and happy adults who make a meaningful contribution to society.’

Hillingdon Primary School is required by law to provide Relationships Education and Health Education to its pupils from September 2021 as this is compulsory for all primary aged children in England, therefore parents cannot request to withdraw their children from these lessons.

In Year 6 at Hillingdon Primary, our curriculum will also cover Sex Education: this is a non-compulsory subject. Parents who do not want their child to take part in some or all of the lessons relating to Sex Education, may continue to request that they are withdrawn. Year 6 parents will be notified when these lessons are scheduled to be taught, and further information will be provided by the Assistant Principal for Year 6 in advance of these lessons being delivered.

Parent Consultation

Below you will find links to our draft policy, the DfE's Guide to Parents, and an online form for you to submit your feedback. **Please take the time to read the policy and DfE guide prior to submitting your feedback** as both provide key information about the school's legal obligations, the content of the curriculum, why we are being asked to teach it and our delivery of the curriculum.

- [Draft Relationships Education, Health Education and Relationships and Sex Education policy](#), covering statutory requirements, our curriculum content and how the curriculum is delivered in school.
- [Department for Education Primary School Guide to Parents](#). The DfE have published copies in Urdu, Somali and Arabic and these can be found on the [school website](#).
- [Consultation Feedback Form](#) to be completed by **9am on Tuesday 29th June 2021**.

Please be aware that while your views are welcome and will be genuinely reflected upon to reach our final outcome, they cannot amount to a veto over curriculum content. The law requires the school to teach Relationships and Health Education to all primary school children.

If for any reason you can't complete the Google Form, please speak to the school office and we will make alternative arrangements for you to participate in the consultation.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Ann Bowen-Breslin
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