



Introduction to Consultation

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Department for Education has announced changes to relationships and sex education (RSE).

The Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education 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 and Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) compulsory for all pupils receiving secondary education. They also make Health Education compulsory in all schools except independent schools. Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE) continues to be compulsory in independent schools.

This means that all children will be required to receive Relationships Education in Primary and Secondary School. For all schools, Sex Education as part of the science curriculum remains the same. Sex Education as part of RSE for primary is not compulsory, however schools may choose to deliver this as part of a timetabled PSHE programme.

These changes will come into effect from September 2020 and all schools will be required to comply with the updated requirements.

In light of upcoming changes to requirements for relationships and sex education (RSE), we are now consulting with parents, governors and staff on how we can make sure that our updated RSE curriculum policy meets the new requirements as well as the needs of our pupils.

We have worked carefully to make sure that this reflects:

- Our pupils' age and maturity levels
- The values of our schools
- Every pupil's learning needs
- What pupils need to know to be healthy and safe in school, in their personal relationships and in the wider world

As a Deanery we have now updated our RSE policy and have a proposed new curriculum, using guidance and documents from Westminster Diocese.

Attached to this email you will find a copy of our new draft policy and proposed curriculum document. We have also made all documents related to RSE available on our website.

If you have any comments on the proposed curriculum, and the wider policy you can email these too the school email

office@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk

The deadline for responding to the consultation is 14th of July.

Regards,

Miss Shevlin

