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Dear Parent/Carer,

You will be aware that, as a part of your child's educational experience at All Saints Academy we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive taught programme of Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education that gives children the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, productive and fulfilled lives, both now and in the future.

What does the new guidance mean?

From September 2020 the Department for Education made Relationships and Health Education **statutory** in all primary schools.

The new 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. Learning about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up, will give children and young people the information, skills and positive values to have safe, fulfilling relationships and will help them take responsibility for their own well-being. As with all statutory subjects, there is no right to withdraw from relationships education or health education. For example, this means that pupils cannot be withdrawn from lessons on the changing adolescent body or the human life cycle (*part of the statutory Science curriculum*).

Sex education is not statutory for primary schools, however primary schools can decide to teach some elements of the sex education curriculum where they feel it is appropriate. As sex education is not statutory at primary school, parents do have the right to request that their child be withdrawn from some or all of the sex education delivered following discussions with the Head Teacher.

How will this be delivered?

The new Department for Education guidance on Relationships, Sex and Health Education (2020) will form part of our school's Life Lessons (PSHE) education programme which is taught throughout the school in every year group and is monitored and reviewed regularly.

All teaching in Life Lessons (PSHE) will take place in a safe learning environment and be underpinned by our school's vision and values. A variety of opportunities will be provided for pupils to ask questions to further their understanding and to find out more about what affects them personally. We undertook pupil voice in the Autumn Term and used these pupil responses to shape our curriculum.

Suggestions and questions

It is important that there is an open conversation between parents and school to ensure that the children are given the best PSHE and RSE provision possible.

We will be starting our parent consultation process on 10th June 2021; the consultation will close on 24th June 2021.



As part of this, parents/carers are asked to read through the RSHE policy and the Life Lessons Progression document listed which are available on the school website. You will find these under the subject's tab, then **Life Lessons**.

We encourage parents to ask any questions that you may have about the new guidance, our school policy or our Life Lessons curriculum. We also appreciate any feedback and suggestions which you may have about the documents.

We would ask that any questions, feedback or suggestions could be emailed to Miss Neal at l.neal@smat.org.uk. If you would prefer a telephone conversation to discuss the content, please email to request this and you will be called back at a suitable time.

Further information on the new statutory requirements is available on:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education-faqs>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-sex-and-health-education-guides-for-schools>

Kind regards,

Miss L. Neal
RSE/PHSE Leader

