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PSHE and the new Relationship Sex Education Curriculum

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

From September 2020 the Department for Education is making Relationships Sex Education and Health Education compulsory in all schools.

What does the new guidance mean?

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, it will give young people the information, skills and positive values to have safe, fulfilling relationships and will help them take responsibility for their own well-being. All of the sessions will be age-appropriate and meet the needs of all pupils in the class.

The relationship element is compulsory however, sex education is not. This does not include Sex Education in science which will remain compulsory.

How will this be delivered?

This guidance will form part of our school's PSHE education programme (Jigsaw) which is taught throughout the school in every year group and is monitored and reviewed regularly by the staff and Governing Body. For more detail about the proposed PSHE curriculum offer, please visit the school's website where you will find the draft PSHE/RSE policy (<https://www.kates-hill.dudley.sch.uk/page/?title=Policies&pid=18>). All teaching in PSHE will take place in a safe learning environment and be underpinned by our school ethos 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. In the policy you will be able to find out exactly what will be covered in your child's class each term.

What if I have questions?

To introduce parents to this concept and to ensure everyone is informed, we would like to review the draft policy and the statutory content of the relationships and sex education programme. The draft policy also contains important information for parents who may wish to withdraw their

children from these classes. As a school community, we are committed to working with parents. If you would like to find out more, make any comments or provide feedback on this draft policy, please contact the PSHE Coordinator, Mrs Subhan (asubhan@kates-hill.dudley.sch.uk). Alternatively, please provide your comments in an envelope in the PSHE comments box which will be left in the school entrance. I will also be posting a survey on Parent Hub on Friday 17th July where you can add your thoughts and comments.

The new RSE/PSHE curriculum will not begin until the week beginning 14th September 2020.

We were hoping to be able to do the consultation by inviting parents into school back in March, however, due to the COVID situation we were unable to. I know the new curriculum may be a worry, we will endeavour to keep your comments and suggestions in mind going forward, so please do get in touch. Your support as always is appreciated.

Many thanks

Mrs A Subhan

(PSHE Co-ordinator)