

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

### RSHE - Relationships, Sex and Health Education

The new DfE statutory guidance for the new Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) was due to launch in September however due to the Coronavirus and school closures, guidance is continuing to be updated. Schools have now been given until Summer term 2021 to fully implement the new changes. At St Wilfrid's our priority this Autumn term for the PSHE curriculum is to deliver content on mental health and wellbeing for pupils as we continue in our uncertain times. We are also having a strong focus on internet safety due to increased time on screens and as always Anti-bullying.

At the beginning of March of this year, I launched a parental survey in preparation for our Parent's RSE Information Meeting that was due to be held on 25<sup>th</sup> March (but had to be cancelled due to lockdown). Despite the hugely unsettling times we still had 62 responses from parents. A total of 87 children were represented, as some parents were representing more than one child. The results show a huge diversity in parental views on how we move forward as a school to deliver the RSHE curriculum. There were many questions asked and huge additional comments made by many parents. We want to continue this journey together ensuring that parents are listened to and respected. We do not want anyone to feel uncomfortable or uncertain as to what their child will be learning, as a result we will be communicating the curriculum content clearly and remain in regular contact.

I am sharing with you a link to our new RSHE section of our school website.

[RSHE St Wilfrid's CE Website Link](#)

Here you will find:

- An overview of the changes we were planning to give at the Parent's RSHE Information Meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> March via a PDF presentation which can be read.
- A more comprehensive \*PDF presentation of the breakdown of lessons and content taught within each year group.
- Our current RSHE Policy.
- Results and Feedback from the RSHE Parental Survey.

\*This is an opportunity for parents to be provided with a breakdown of what is communicated to the pupils prior to each RSE lesson being taught, so that you can be prepared at home to follow up with any questions or conversations their child may initiate or information they may share (see the RSHE Information PDF presentation for more about withdrawing your child from Sex Education).



After reading through this material you may wish to get involved further. We are inviting you to contribute to the parental consultation of helping to shape our RSHE curriculum with your ideas and perspectives. We are welcoming all parents/carers and governors to a virtual RSHE committee meeting. Please note it is not a forum to debate opinions but a place to make important decisions that impact the lives of the children in our school.

The aims and expectations for this meeting are:

- Parents contributions of: their fears, what they want their child to be taught, at which age? Anything you definitely want included or specifically not taught?
- Comments on existing RSHE Policy.
- Look at the distinctive context of our school (include the faith aspects and our link to Inclusive Church).
- Look at the CofE Charter for RSHE.

Here is a link to a doodle poll for a RSHE Committee meeting for you to vote for the times/dates that you are able to make. If you are interested in attending this virtual meeting please complete this by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November so we can confirm the time and date of meeting to all parents/carers and governors (It will be either Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> or Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> – with various suggested times in daytime/evening).

[https://doodle.com/poll/zha6dxbd7fzftnph?utm\\_source=poll&utm\\_medium=link](https://doodle.com/poll/zha6dxbd7fzftnph?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link)

If there is anything else that concerns you and you wish to speak in more depth about, then please contact the office to arrange a phone call meeting with myself.

Kind Regards

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