

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers

In September 2020, the Department for Education (DfE) introduced statutory Relationships and Health Education for all primary school pupils. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, schools have been given longer to bring this into their curriculums. They also issued guidance on non-statutory Sex Education for primary school pupils. Despite being non-statutory, the DfE continue to recommend that all primary schools should have a Sex Education programme as part of their PSHCE curriculum, which is tailored to the age and the physical and emotional maturity of the pupils. Where schools do provide Sex Education at Key stages 1 and 2, parents and carers will have the right to withdraw their child from the Sex Education aspects of Relationships and Sex Education [RSE] but not from the statutory Relationships Education, Health Education or what is taught in the Science National Curriculum. This information is set out [here](#).

At Honeywell Juniors, we have reviewed our Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education [PSHCE]; as well as our Relationships and Sex Education policies, to reflect the new government guidance and clearly show how we are covering the appropriate content within our PSHCE curriculum, and to ensure that our RSHE provision is appropriate for our pupils based on their: age; physical and emotional maturity; religious and cultural background; and any special educational needs and disabilities.

Effective RSHE Education does not just take place within PSHCE lessons. It incorporates all learning that takes place in the classroom, outside of the classroom and at home. We, therefore, welcome any parent and carer feedback on this draft policy and the content of our RSHE Curriculum at Honeywell Junior School. We hope that consulting with you will help to inform our schools' decisions on when and how certain content is covered, and enable us to reach a general consensus. What is taught, and how, is ultimately a decision for the school and consultation does not provide a parental veto on curriculum content as schools are legally required to teach the National Curriculum. The right to withdraw children from some lessons is explained within the RSHE Policy. The policies are shared below and if you would like to share your views, please do so via the Google form link below. The RSHE policy can be accessed on the link below and if you would like to share your views, please do so via the Google form link, which is also below. If you cannot access the form, please email Jennie at: [jennifer.appleby@honeywell.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:jennifer.appleby@honeywell.wandsworth.sch.uk)

RSHE Policy: [Please click here to view the RSHE Policy](#)

Google Form: [Please click here to access the consultation google form](#)

The RSHE consultation will open today, and remain open for 2 weeks until 6.00pm on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022**. The information from the consultation will then be used to inform future practice.

Thank you in advance for your help and support.

Kind Regards

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