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Dear Parents and Carers

As you may have heard, the government has mandated that Relationships and Health Education (RHE) is now to be covered as a compulsory subject in all Primary Schools and that Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) in all secondaries. It is also encouraged that Primary Schools are responsive to the needs of their pupils at Primary level with the introduction of age-appropriate sex education topics which are carefully chosen and introduced to protect pupils from harm and to equip them to make positive choices prior to transitioning to secondary school.

As part of your child's education at Long Sutton C of E Primary School, we already promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education programme. This is the curriculum that gives children the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live safe, healthy, productive lives and meet their full potential. RSHE (Relationships, Sex and Health Education) will now be prioritised, and we are keen to work with you, parents and carers, in our planning as valued members of our school community. If we work together, our children and young people will flourish.

Therefore, I am writing to let you know that we are currently reviewing our policy and curriculum over the next 4 weeks. We would like to draw attention to the following:

1. The Governors, Staff and Wellbeing Stakeholders group has drafted our RSHE policy. This document will outline our school values, our intended approach to the subject and the topics we aim to cover through the key stages.
2. On 30 March 21 we will publish our draft RSHE policy on the school website. Here you will also find a link to a Parents/Carers' survey where we welcome feedback and suggestions you have on this policy and curriculum.
3. From 30 March 21 to 21 April 21 we will be collecting responses and taking time to finalise our policy with consideration of all suggestions.
4. We will be inviting parents and carers to attend an online meeting on 21 April 21 where we will present our plans more fully and be available to discuss any questions.
5. The final policy will be published on our website on 28 April 21.

N.B. During this consultation process I am available to discuss any concerns with parents on the phone or through virtual meetings.

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Whilst we can assure you that our planning and delivery will be carefully and responsibly considered, we do hope that all families, parents, and carers will be happy and supportive of our plan, it is important to inform you of your right to withdraw your child from Sex Education. Having been fully briefed and regularly updated, if you are still considering this route for your child you will be invited to attend a meeting with myself to discuss your concerns prior to making a final decision.

We are excited to embark on this journey with you together and will continue to put the children's welfare, safety, and personal development at the heart of all our policy, plans and activities.

Best wishes



Mrs Lizzie Reynolds
Headteacher

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