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Dear Parent/Carers,

As a part of your child's educational experience at West End Primary School, 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.

As you may already be aware, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) is to become statutory in all primary schools from September 2021 following a nationwide consultation. We are pleased that this decision has been made as it means that all children will be taught about a wide range of topics relating to physical and mental health, wellbeing, safeguarding and healthy relationships. The statutory guidance can be found at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education>

In providing children with an understanding of healthy and respectful relationships and appropriate boundaries, we consider effective RSE to be a fundamental part of our approach to supporting pupils to grow into confident, caring, responsible and respectful young citizens who understand how to cope with life and live safely and happily in the modern world. . Consequently, from September 2021, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), along with Health Education, will be statutory and form part of the National Curriculum.

This means we have been reviewing our PSHE and RSE curriculum and policy so that we can be sure our PSHE and RSE provision is appropriate for our pupils based on their:

- Age
- Physical and emotional maturity
- Religious and cultural backgrounds
- Special educational needs and disabilities

As part of our curriculum review, we would welcome your views on:



- Our draft policy for Personal, Social and Health Education and Relationship and Sex Education (RSE)

To help you understand the curriculum requirements, I have placed information on our website. Please find it here: https://435-northumberland.eschools.co.uk/website/psherse_curriculum_/565492

This includes:

- Our proposed policy
- A summary of what all pupils are expected to know by the end of Primary School
- DfE guidance that outlines statutory requirements
- Our Relationship Curriculum Outline
- Each Year Groups Long Term Planning
- A Questionnaire - to understand your views on the new statutory requirements

Questionnaire

As part of the consultation process, your views are welcome and we would appreciate it if you could spare a few moments of your time to fill in the questionnaire.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeWzow17UEncWCmmj1Go6idYuLu0ka_QGVtMV-n44MtyvTsA/viewform?usp=sf_link

We hope this letter and information provided on our website have given you a good understanding of the Statutory Expectations and how we at West End Primary will cover these outcomes.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding the consultation process, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Milne

(PSHE/RSE Co-ordinator)

