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Dear Parents/Carers,

As a part of your child's educational experience at Haverstock School, we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive taught programme of Personal, Health, Social and Economic (PHSE) 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.

I am writing to let you know that from September 2020, the Department for Education has made Relationships Sex Education and Health Education compulsory in all schools. The new statutory guidance outlines what secondary schools need to teach. The guidance includes, "Families", "Respectful relationships, including friendships", "Online media", "Being safe" and "Intimidate and sexual relationships including sexual health". Our comprehensive PHSE curriculum has always covered the key aspects of Relationships Education and Health Education and so there will be very little change to our curriculum.

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.

A guide for parents produced by Department of Education on Understanding Relationships, Sex and Health Education at your child's secondary school, can be found here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/907640/RSE_secondary_schools_guide_for_parents.pdf

How will this be delivered?

This guidance will form part of our school's PHSE education programme which is taught throughout the school in every year group and is monitored and reviewed regularly by the staff and Governing Body.

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.

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What if I have questions?

To introduce parents to this concept and to ensure everyone is informed, we would like parents to review the draft policy and the statutory content of the relationships and sex education programme.

The draft Policy can be found [on our site](#).

The draft policy also contains important information for parents who may wish to withdraw their children from these classes.

We would be very grateful if having read this information, you could then complete the short survey at: <https://forms.gle/7H35sYp8oNwGDCHq8>

If you would like to find out more, make any comments or provide feedback on this draft policy, please contact the Head of PHSEE, Ms Akthar (farhana.akthar@haverstock.camden.sch.uk). Alternatively, please provide your comments in the survey above. The closing date for feedback is Friday 16 July 2021.

Once we have received your feedback, we will edit the draft policy accordingly, and update the school website, the policy will then be brought to the governing body for their approval.

Many thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Yours faithfully,



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Head of PSHEE