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Dear Parents and Carers,

Relationships and Sex Education Policy and informal consultation

As you may be aware, the Government made an amendment to the Children and Social Work Act 2017 in order to implement Relationships Education as a statutory element of Personal, Health, Social and Economic Education (PSHE) teaching in all primary schools.

We have always taught Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) at Wivelsfield School, but have been reviewing our PSHE and RSE curriculum to ensure it incorporates all of the Government's new statutory guidelines. We are pleased to let you know that our PSHE and RSE will now be taught using the Jigsaw 3 – 11/12 scheme of work. In light of this, we have written a new Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) policy which accompanies this letter, along with other materials from Jigsaw, that you may like to read.

In addition to the revised curriculum, the PSHE association advises that all school staff (including non-teaching staff and first aiders) should refer to the correct names for all body parts from Year One onwards. This is to ensure that the children hear and use scientifically-correct language when talking about all external body parts. Teaching children to use the correct language provides them with a key life skill that will support them as they grow up and also underpins good safeguarding practice, something which is paramount in our school.

Should you have any concerns, questions or just want more information about the RSE policy or scheme of work, please do not hesitate to contact us by emailing the office: office@wivelsfield.e-sussex.sch.uk. We will either respond to you directly, or if there are a number of parents with concerns or queries, we will organise a remote meeting when we can discuss these concerns and answer any other questions. If you wish to raise a concern or discuss any aspect of the new policy, please contact the school by **Monday 22nd February**.

Thank you for your support,

Kind regards,

Helen M. Smith

Helen Smith
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