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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you to inform about the changes to our current PSHE curriculum.

As part of your child's education in Kingswood Secondary Academy, we promote personal well-being and development through a comprehensive Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education programme. We believe that PSHE is an important curriculum which prepares and equips our young people to lead safe, healthy and productive lives and meet their full potential. We teach this to every year group in form time, assemblies, workshops and speakers to ensure our students have a developed understanding of issues which may affect them later in life. All PSHE teaching takes place in a safe learning environment and is underpinned by our school mission and values. Our school follows the award-winning Jigsaw programme which provides us with a comprehensive, robust scheme of work bringing consistency and progression to our students' learning in this important curriculum area.

You may or may not be aware, that due to Government legislation, ALL schools in the UK will be required to offer Sex and Relationship Education to all students as part of a fully comprehensive Personal, Social and Health Education curriculum from September 2020. In line with the Department of Education recommendations and statutory requirements Kingswood and many schools across the UK launched the new amendments in September 2020.

As part of the school's Personal, Social and Health Education programme, your child will soon receive teaching on key concepts including:

- Relationships/Healthy Un-Healthy Relationships
- Drugs and Alcohol and their effects
- Mental Health and Well-Being
- Internet Safety/Consent and the dangers of digital content
- Sex Education/Sexual Health
- Human Rights
- Family/Types of family
- Citizenship
- Your Community
- Careers and Life Skills

The main aim of this Programme is to provide knowledge and understanding of the world around them, the communities that they live in, the laws and governments that serve us their goals, ambitions and careers options and their personal, social and mental well-being. For more details about our PSHE curriculum, please visit our PSHE page on the Academy website ([click here](#)) and for an overview of the KS3 & KS4 curriculum please click ([click here](#))

Relationship Education is based around the key principals of safe and healthy relationships based on love and respect. This is to encourage the eventual development of safe and healthy relationships in later life. Some specific units will develop understanding and attitudes which will help pupils to form relationships in a responsible and healthy manner and to appreciate the value of stable family life, including the responsibilities of parenthood and marriage/co-habitation. The PSHE Programmes for all year groups will be introduced to the variety of families and relationships including LGB relationships (Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual) and Adoption rights for LGBT parents.

It will be possible for parents to withdraw their children from the teaching of Sex Education (with the exception of that which is taught in the science National Curriculum), **but from 2020 will not** be able to withdraw their children from the teaching of **Relationship Education**. I feel that it is important to inform you that the sessions have been designed in line with **DofE** recommendations and with support from the PSCHE association to ensure that the content is sensitive, comprehensively planned and age appropriate.

At Kingswood, we are committed to working in partnership with parents and carers; therefore we have put together a questionnaire ([click here](#)) for you to have your say and let us know what your understanding of PSHE at our academy and the recent government changes. It is important that our new Year 7 parents and carers take part in this process too. So that we can review all the questionnaires, analyse the feedback and make any required changes, we would like all responses to be completed by

If you wish to withdraw your child from the lessons on sexual health and Sex Education ([click here](#)) onto the link which will take you to the withdrawal letter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like any clarification or to ask any questions.

Yours faithfully,

Alex Bonner
Senior Assistant Principal