

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Relationships, Sex and Health Education Policy Stakeholders Consultation**

As a part of our pupils' educational experience at Bourne Alliance we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive curriculum for Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) and Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE). This aims to ensure they develop the knowledge, understanding, skills and attributes they need to keep themselves healthy, safe and prepare for their lives and work in modern Britain.

As you may be aware, the Department for Education announced changes to the Relationships, Sex and Health Education element of PSHE following nationwide consultation. These changes came into effect from Summer 2020 and all schools are required to comply with the updated statutory requirements.

It is time for the annual review of our policy and our curriculum to ensure our provision is appropriate for our pupils based on:

- Their age, physical and emotional maturity
- Religious and cultural backgrounds
- Special educational needs and disabilities
- The needs of our local community

We would like to gain the views and opinions from you, as it is important that there is an open conversation between all stakeholders to ensure that children are given the best PSHE and RSHE provision possible. Following our consultation last year, our curriculum has been developed to include:

- Further lessons on money and managing finances
- Additional puberty lesson in Year 4 as children within our Academy are reaching puberty earlier
- Information sheets for parents about our lessons which discuss the developing body
- Training for staff on how to adapt lessons for SEND pupils when needed in line with our policy

Please read the attached RSHE policy which contains the whole school overview of the curriculum. This sets out what each class will cover over the academic year. Additionally, there is a key vocabulary document attached, detailing the vocabulary that would be used within the lessons. RSHE will be delivered through the PSHE timetabled curriculum across the Trust.

Parents are given a right to withdraw their children from aspects of sex education which are not delivered in the science curriculum (conception and birth), but they cannot withdraw their children from the Relationships and Health education aspects since these are statutory.

We are sure that there will be differences of opinion during this consultation process. However, by listening to the feedback from all our stakeholders we can ensure we build a curriculum that meets the needs of our children within Bourne Academy Trust. Please follow this link <https://forms.office.com/e/AGDZDpBaKD> to take you to a short questionnaire. The questionnaire is live now and closes on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm.

Kind regards

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Further information on the statutory requirements is available:

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

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

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

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