

Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of your child's educational experience at Broughton Moor 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 and young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, productive and fulfilled lives, now and in the future.

As you may be aware, the Department for Education has announced changes to relationships and sex education following nationwide consultation. These changes will come into effect from September 2021 and all schools will be required to comply with the updated requirements. The guidance was supposed to be implemented from September 2020 however due to the effect of Covid-19 this was put back until September 2021. The statutory guidance can be found at

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

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 will give children and young people the information, skills and positive values to have safe, fulfilling relationships and help them take responsibility for their own well-being.

Consequently, from September 2021, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) along with Health Education will be statutory and form part of the National Curriculum.

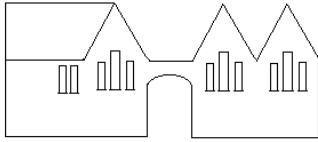
This means that we have been reviewing our RSE curriculum and policy so we can be sure our RSE provision is appropriate for our pupils based on their:

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

Whilst I am sure that there will be differences of opinion about this, we hope that consulting with you will help inform our schools' decisions on when and how certain content is covered and enable us to reach a general consensus. Consequently as part of our curriculum we would like your views on:

- Our draft policy for Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)
- When and how certain content within this subject is covered

What is taught, and how, is ultimately a decision for the school and consultation does not provide a parental veto on curriculum content as schools are legally required to teach the National Curriculum. The right to withdraw children from some lessons is explained in the FAQs which accompanies this letter.



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We are currently in unprecedented times which makes it a little more challenging to consult with you. To help understand the curriculum requirements, I have placed information on our website which I would encourage you to read. This includes:

A summary of what all pupils are expected to know by the end of Primary School

A FAQ sheet

Our proposed draft policy

DFE guidance that outlines statutory requirements

A PowerPoint presentation for parents which I am unfortunately not able to share in person

An anonymous questionnaire <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GH87MQV>

All can all be found on <https://www.bromoor.cumbria.sch.uk/parents/rse>

We will be starting our consultation on Tuesday 4th May 2021 and the it will close on Friday 14th May 2021.

Consultation questions

1. Would you like support at home on how to speak to your child about relationships and sex issues?
2. Are there any changes or additions that you think should be made to the RSE policy?
3. Are there any changes or additions that you think should be made to the RSE curriculum outline?
4. Thinking about Relationships and Sex Education, what do you believe is the most important subject area that should be taught for different age groups/key stages and why?
5. Thinking about Relationships and Sex Education, is there an area that you think should not be taught for different age groups/Key Stages and why?

Your views are very important to us and we will respond to you on the outcome of this process later this term. Once we have considered all the feedback the draft updated Relationships and Sex Education Policy will be uploaded to the school's website which also set out the proposed curriculum and how you can feedback.

I hope this letter and attached information goes some way to alleviate any worries you may have. If you have any queries or concerns regarding the consultation process please do not hesitate to contact school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Brotherhood