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Dear Parent/Carer

You will be aware that as a part of your child's educational experience at Greenbank, we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive taught programme of Personal, Social, Health Education (PSHE) education. This gives our children the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, productive and fulfilled lives, both now and in the future. One aspect of the PSHE curriculum is Relationships and Health Education.

As you may already be aware, The Department for Education (DFE) plan to make Relationships and Health Education (RHE), compulsory in all schools and will soon be including this in the National Curriculum. This change was due to begin in September 2020, but due to Covid this was extended to September 2021.

We would like to reassure you that, despite what you may have read in the media, the content of our curriculum actually hasn't changed very much at all – we are still teaching the same things that we have always done, in an age appropriate way.

We have worked with other local schools in developing plans that meet the needs of our children and communities, preparing children for life, whilst adhering to legal guidelines. We have also consulted governors and members of staff who represent different groups within the community.

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, making relationships and healthy relationships. Learning about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up, will give young people the information, skills and positive values to have safe, fulfilling relationships and will help them take responsibility for their own wellbeing. All of the sessions will be age-appropriate and meet the needs of all pupils in the class.

How will this be delivered?

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

Schools are required to consult with parents when developing and reviewing their policies for RHE. This consultation will inform schools' decisions on when and how certain content is covered. Due to Covid restrictions, we are unable to offer parent workshops in school as planned but we hope to be able to offer these parent workshops at a later date when it is safe to do so.



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We have attached the Greenbank PSHE and RHE policy for the whole school which specifies what each Year Group will learn as they progress through our school.

Our plans have been based on a nationally published PSHE curriculum scheme called 'The Dimensions curriculum' and is used by thousands of schools across the UK. We would be grateful if you could have a look through these plans and let us know if you have any questions about what they mean and how they will be taught. If any parents would like to examine any of the more detailed planning, myself and Mrs Hall (The PSHE co-ordinator) are very happy to share this with any parent who makes a request.

We will listen to your views and aim to make any adjustments if necessary. All teaching of PSHE will take place in a safe learning environment and will be underpinned by our school's 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.

The purpose of the RHE curriculum is to provide knowledge and understanding of safe and healthy relationships based on respect. This is to encourage the development of safe and healthy relationships throughout life. The subject is designed to help children from all backgrounds build positive and safe relationships, and to thrive in modern Britain.

We hope you will share our enthusiasm for the successful implementation of the new PSHE and RHE curriculum, which we feel will benefit all of our children. We are looking forward to sharing further updated information in due course.

Kind Regards

Sandra Hartley
(Headteacher)

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