

19th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Department for Education has announced changes to the Relationships and Sex education (RSE) curriculum to ensure it is appropriate for children in the modern world. These changes have been delayed due to Covid-19 and will come into effect from the Summer Term 2021. All schools are required to comply with the updated requirements.

Our RSE curriculum and policy has been reviewed by staff and updated so we can be sure our provision is appropriate for our pupils based on their:

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

Our pupils learn and mature at different rates and in different ways, so our curriculum is adapted to meet individual needs. The age-related expectations are included for guidance only. There will be a lot of reinforcement of the EYFS/Key Stage 1 curriculum for most pupils. The Key Stage 2 curriculum will be taught mainly to our Primary Pathway classes depending on the maturity and understanding of pupils, however some aspects may be taught to older pupils in other classes where appropriate

Here's how you can help:

It is important that parents/carers have the opportunity to give their views on this curriculum if they wish to, or to ask questions. Some topics in RSE can be sensitive, and as parents know their children best, it is important that we get your input so that we can ensure our curriculum supports children as they grow and develop, and helps keep them safe.

Please read the attached draft policy and in particular the curriculum coverage Appendix 1 and 2. Some FAQ's are also attached below. Please consider the following questions:

- **How confident do you feel that this curriculum will help keep your child safe?**
- **How easy is the policy to understand? Is there anything we can make clearer?**
- **Are there any topics we aren't covering in our RSE curriculum that you think we should be?**
- **Are there any topics we are covering in our RSE curriculum that you think we shouldn't be?**

We are opening consultation with parents/carers on this draft Policy and Overview. If you have any comments, questions, please email admin@hawthorns.tameside.sch.uk or alternatively, you can submit feedback via the survey link on ParentApp.

The deadline for feedback is Monday 29th March. This allows time for us to respond to feedback and modify our policy before it becomes compulsory from the Summer Term

Thank you for your time.

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