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Dear Parent/Carer

In line with the national curriculum non-statutory guidance, Little Ilford School will be running 'Safeguarding & Relationships' sessions on Wednesday 3rd July 2019. This is to ensure that we safeguard our young people from potential dangers both online and in their personal lives. Recent high profile events popularised by media have highlighted the importance of educating young people in becoming knowledgeable, responsible citizens able to make informed decisions.

The whole school will be involved and our young people will be learning and exploring or key objectives and processes as follows

- *To share, explore and reflect on our shared school values and principles*
- *To foster acceptance and understanding of self and others in a safe context*
- *To understand and explore our rights and responsibilities in relationships in real contexts*
- *To understand the impact of our attitudes and actions on ourselves and other*

What the government says young people must learn The Education Act 1996

- 'The sex education elements of the National Curriculum Science Order are mandatory for all pupils of primary and secondary school age. These cover **anatomy, puberty, biological aspects of sexual reproduction and use of hormones to control and promote fertility.**'
- 'Secondary schools are required to provide an SRE programme which includes (as a minimum) information about **sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and HIV/AIDS.**'



- When Ofsted come to inspect a school they are asked to look for the following things:
 - Is the school 'preparing pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life in modern Britain'?
 - Does it 'promote tolerance of and respect for people of all faiths (or those of no faith), races, genders, ages, disability and sexual orientations'?

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At Little Ilford we believe it is essential that young people are given the opportunity to experience this learning in a safe and responsible moral context that can protect cultural and religious freedoms whilst safeguarding our young people. We are committed to the delivery of this day and have rigorously planned for this under the same ethos that has rewarded our community with an OfSTED 'Outstanding' learning environment.

Therefore the key learning material will cover the following areas crucial for preparing our young people for their future and ensuring they are empowered to live healthy, happy and safe lives:

1. Gender Identity & Sexuality
2. Sexual Health & Hygiene
3. Safeguarding
4. Relationships & Respect
5. Body Image & Self-Esteem

All pupils will attend lessons on the first three learning areas. However, if you feel the need to remove your child from the 4th and 5th learning areas you must express this in a letter to the **Headteacher by Tuesday 18th June 2019**. We will make alternative arrangements for your child during those 2 sessions. **We will be holding a meeting for any such parents on Thursday 27th June to discuss the curriculum offer at 4.00pm. We would expect all parents who write to the Headteacher to attend this meeting.**

Yours faithfully

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