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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may be are aware, The Department for Education has announced changes to Relationships and Sex Education (RSE). These changes, were due to be implemented from September 2020. This has now been extended until September 2021 when all schools will be obligated to comply with the updated requirements. This means, we have been in the process of reviewing our RSE curriculum and policy so we can be sure our provision meets the Government criteria and is appropriate for our children based on their:

- age
- physical and emotional maturity,
- religious and cultural backgrounds,
- special educational needs and/or disabilities

As part of this process we must consult with staff, pupils and parents. We would therefore very much welcome your support and comments. You can help by visiting our website and reading the documents under the Important Information, Curriculum, Relationships and Sex Education tab. Here you will find:

- A guide from the DfE outlining the changes
- A draft RSE policy with guidance on what we are proposing to cover in each year group
- A guide to the Jigsaw scheme which is what Middlethorpe use to teach all aspects of PSHE
- A link to a survey monkey to gain your opinions about the policy (https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6R3QNDP)

The documents will remain live until 12th March 2021 and we would very much appreciate your thoughts and opinions. We ask that you read the documentation and complete the Survey Monkey by clicking on this link https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6R3QNDP

We want all our children to grow up healthy, happy, safe, and able to manage the challenges and opportunities of modern Britain. As a school we feel the new national guidance will support in this. The content is designed to equip your child with knowledge to make informed decisions about their wellbeing, health and relationships as well as preparing them for a successful adult life.

We look forward to receiving your responses and if you would like further information please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Many thanks for your continued support.

R. Simpson Principal



