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Dear Parents / Carers;

At Tor View School, we are committed to delivering a high quality of education which is pertinent to the diverse needs of our pupils. Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE) is a key aspect of the curriculum which focuses on topics such as; keeping safe, drugs, health, relationships and sex education (RSE).

During the Autumn term of 2019 we began to inform parents and carers about the upcoming changes to the PSHCE curriculum, via a letter and also offered an opportunity to discuss these upcoming changes with the staff responsible for the delivery of PSHCE at the Parents Consultation Evening in the Autumn term. The focus of this consultation was to inform you that in September 2020, the Department for Education will change the statutory legislation with regards to the teaching and learning of Relationships and Sex Education (RSE). All schools will be required to comply with the updated legislation. We, at Tor View are ready for these changes and are continuing our parental consultation in order to support the implementation of our RSE curriculum and policy so that we can ensure that our RSE provision is appropriate for our pupils based on their;

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

Some of the key changes to the legislation are highlighted below and state that from September 2020:

- Schools are legally required to offer relationship and health education to primary aged children.
- Schools are legally required to offer relationship, health and sex education to secondary aged children.
- Parents/Carers retain the right withdraw their children from the sex education aspect of the RSE curriculum. Parents must make their request in writing to the Headteacher.

Please follow the link below to access the Guidance from the Department for Education designed for parents of both Primary and Secondary pupils. This guidance is available in English, Arabic, Somali and

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Urdu. If you require support to provide the guidance in an additional language, please contact school and we will endeavour to provide a translation for you.

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

Tor View has already delivered a comprehensive PSHE curriculum including elements of RSE for a number of years and began to implement the new aspects of the RSE curriculum in the academic year 2019-20. Due to the COVID19 pandemic unfortunately our consultation with you has been disrupted. We had planned to offer you as parents and carers another opportunity to discuss this with us at the summer Parents Consultation evening. We do, however, continue to welcome your feedback on any additional or alternative elements that you feel we should be teaching in our PSHE/RSE curriculum.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A David and Mrs E Walsh
PSHE co-ordinators
Headteacher

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