



12<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

**Wellfield Academy**

Headteacher Mr J Lewis

### Relationships & Sex Education Policy

As part of your child's educational experience at Wellfield we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive programme of Personal, Social, Health, Citizenship & Economic (PSHCE) education that gives children and young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, productive and fulfilled lives, both now and in the future.

I am writing to let you know that The Department of Education announced changes to relationship and sex education following nationwide consultation. The new guidance focused 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 and healthy relationships. Learning about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up will give children and young people the information, skills and positive values to have safe, fulfilling relationships and help them take responsibility for their own well-being.

A copy of our policy is attached and outlines the topics we cover. We would welcome your views on the curriculum we offer. This can be done by emailing us ([enquiries@wellfieldacademy.org](mailto:enquiries@wellfieldacademy.org) with the Subject of RSE Policy) to either inform us that you are aware of and agree with the content of the policy or to inform of any disagreements, or concerns, that you may have.

Whilst we understand there will be differences of opinion about this, we hope that consulting with you will help to inform our school's decisions on when and how certain content is covered and enable us to reach a consensus. Consequently, as part of our curriculum review, we welcome your views on:

1. Our draft policy for Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSE)
2. When and how certain content within this subject is covered.

The deadline for parental feedback is **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

What is taught is ultimately a decision for the school and consultation does not provide a parental veto on curriculum content as schools are legally required to teach the National Curriculum. The right to withdraw children from lessons is explained in the policy which accompanies this letter.

Your views are especially important, and we will respond to you on the outcome of this process. Once we have considered all the feedback the draft updated Relationships, Sex and Health Education policy will be uploaded to the school's website which will also set out the proposed curriculum.

I hope this letter and the information that is attached alleviates any worries you may have. If you have any queries or concerns regarding the consultation process, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Lewis

Headteacher