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Dear Parents/Carers,

As a school we are renewing and revitalising our pastoral curriculum.

In PSHCE – Children learn about Personal, Social, Health and Culture.

By September 2020 Relationship, Sex and Health Education (RSE) is compulsory for all primary pupils.

As per the Equality Act 2010 all primary pupils are to be taught, in an age appropriate context, about differences with regards race, sexual orientation, gender and other protected characteristics.

In order to support the delivering of 'Relationship Education' we have utilised approved resources from the National PSHCE Association. As part of Relationship Education, schools will also teach 'Sex Education' – the outline of which is provided year by year on our website (this was due to be shared on our parent stand at our cancelled parent teacher meetings earlier this year).

Sex Education combines with the statutory Science and PSHCE Curriculum to support children in learning the correct anatomical names for body parts, the life cycle process, changes during puberty, keeping yourself safe (digitally and in the world), healthy life choices and finally, in Year 6, some information regarding reproduction, conception and pregnancy.

Parents do not have a right to withdraw pupils from Relationship Education as part of Science and PSHCE but may, with written notice, withdraw pupils from 'Sex Education' in Year 6. Waterfield will always notify parents prior to commencing the unit of 'Sex Education' and will provide an information session specifically about this for parents.

The curriculum aim of Waterfield's PSHCE and RSE will be to deliver a balanced, factually correct and globally aware curriculum where all children will be encouraged to appreciate differences, gain a sense of their own individuality and obtain the knowledge and skills required to successfully integrate as a reflective, balanced global citizen.

Over the course of next year there will also be a number of resources (aged appropriately) that you can review in order to gain an understanding of the current requirements of PSHCE, Relationship and Sex Education. In the meantime, we are delighted to share with you the CWP Scheme of Work that has been approved by the PSHE Association as a safe, robust and age appropriate way of delivering the RSE curriculum.

If you have any questions on the content of this information, please feel free to send an email to the Office. Please be aware that at key year group points, teachers will also hold meetings to share specific information with regards RSE lessons i.e. Year 6 reproduction/puberty-based lessons. Our ongoing goal is to always be open with our curriculum and move forward as Co-Educators.

You may also like to fill in a copy of our survey that will further help us to enhance our provision. Please return this to the office in the first few weeks of term.

Kind regards,

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