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Dear Parents/Carers

The Department for Education (DfE) has made Relationship Education compulsory for all primary pupils. We would like to share our draft policy which outlines how Relationships Education will be taught at Purbrook Infant School. The DfE guidance can be accessed using the following link:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/90 8013/Relationships\_Education\_Relationships\_and\_Sex\_Education\_RSE\_and\_Health\_Education.pdf

## Curriculum

At Purbrook Infant School we have chosen to follow the PSHE Hampshire Programme. This is a local scheme which provides a framework of lesson plans and relevant resources for KS1 children, relevant to the age and experience of the children. The skills, knowledge and understanding from the National Curriculum that children will have gained by the end of Key Stage 1 are outlined at the end of the policy appendix.

## Sex Education

This will not be taught whilst the children are in the infant school, this will be covered in the junior school. "The DfE continues to recommend therefore that all primary schools should have a sex education programme tailored to the age and the physical and emotional maturity of the pupils. It should ensure that both boys and girls are prepared for the changes that adolescence brings and – drawing on knowledge of the human life cycle set out in the national curriculum for science - how a baby is conceived and born." (Section 67 of the DfE guidance). Some areas of biological changes may be covered through science. There is no right to withdraw children from aspects covered in the science curriculum. There is also no right to withdraw from Relationships or Health Education; the contents of these subjects – such as family, friendship, safety (including online safety) – are important for all children to be taught and form part of the statutory curriculum.

## **Parent consultation**

We have attached a copy of the draft Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education policy. We are keen to consult with parents, staff and governors on this policy. If you would like to share your views regarding the policy or if you have any questions, please use the Google form using this link to contact the school: <u>RSE Google form</u>. The form will be available until Monday 19 July.

Please do not hesitate to arrange an appointment, via the office, with myself or Mrs Hutchins should you wish to discuss anything about the policy or the statutory changes in more detail.

Many thanks,

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