



Wednesday 11th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to invite you to consult on our updated **Relationships and Sex Education Policy**.

Relationships and Sex Education has been a **statutory** component of the PSHE and Citizenship curriculum in Primary Schools from September 2020. It involves learning about the many strands of 'relationships' and 'growing up' including: family relationships; friendships and relationships with peers and adults; healthy and unhealthy relationships; staying safe; the characteristics of positive relationships; relationships online; diversity; personal identity and the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up.

If you wish to view the government guidelines you can find them here

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

I was lucky enough to be part of a working party at the University of Worcester from where we developed this policy. We have recently amended this to include reference to the **Protected Characteristics**. The Protected Characteristics have come from **The Equality Act 2010** and include areas such as age and disability.

Staff were then given the opportunity to look at the policy and make recommendations. Governors were then consulted, and materials shared. As parents, your view is now being sought for review and comment.

The RSE Policy is available for you to view on our website <https://holmer.secure-primariesite.net/consultations>

If you have any queries or comments about it please then email, by Tuesday 7th November to:

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I look forward to hearing your feedback.

Kind Regards

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