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RHE Curriculum Consultation Summer Term 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The new Relationships and Health Education (RHE) curriculum becomes statutory in England in the summer term 2021 and the Department for Education have outlined the content of this curriculum for primary schools. Within this curriculum we can choose to teach sex education, which we have historically chosen to teach within the Y6 'Changing Me' unit. This is covered in one stand-alone lesson which we will continue to deliver in Y6 as in previous years. You have the right to withdraw your child from this session only. Relationships education will become compulsory for all schools and this will include lessons about puberty.

This letter is the start of our parental consultation. We are sharing our draft policy with you which outlines how we intend teaching RHE at Anns Grove Primary School. The policy and content of the RHE curriculum has already been through a rigorous consultation within Sheffield City Council and across different community and faith groups across Sheffield, as well as thorough consultation with our school governors and staff. We see new aspects of the RHE curriculum as a good opportunity to continue to explore and discuss themes such as respect for cultures, diversity, tolerance and inclusion of groups in our society.

As part of our consultation, we would like to invite you to comment on the curriculum we plan to implement. Please address your feedback or questions by email to enquiries@annsgrove.sheffield.sch.uk using the subject 'RHE consultation' by Monday June 28th, 2021. The new materials are in line with the existing values, ethos and culture of our school and we want to use this opportunity to enhance what we already do by reflecting to a greater degree, the community we serve and the times in which we are living.

You can find the overviews for teaching the new curriculum by year group and our draft policy on the school website. Additionally, we will be offering parents the opportunity to view the teaching materials for the non-compulsory Y6 Sex-Education lesson on request early in the next half-term.

We value your feedback and input as part of this consultation.

Head teacher

