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Dear Parents/Carers

Relationship and Sex Education Consultation

As part of your child's education experience at Weston Favell Academy, we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive taught programme of Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education that gives our pupils the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, productive and full-filled lives, both now and in the future.

The Department for Education statutory guidance can be found on our website, link below.

The guidance focuses 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.

We are reviewing our RSE curriculum and policy so that we can be sure our RSE provision is appropriate for all pupils based on their:

- Age
- Physical and emotional maturity
- Religious and cultural backgrounds
- Special educational needs and disabilities

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

- Our draft policy for Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)
- When and how certain content within this subject is covered (parent forum)

What is taught, and how, 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. For **some** lessons, parents have the right to withdraw – you can find more information on this on the attached parent guide to RSE.

To help you understand the curriculum requirements, I have placed information on our website https://rb.gy/3bnpa which I would encourage you to read. This includes:

- Weston Favell Academy's policy for RSE
- Greenwood Academy Trust's policy for RSE
- DFE guidance for RSE
- Consultation letter
- Summary of findings from consultation (will be added at end of consultation process)
- PSHE curriculum
- RSE curriculum overview
- An anonymous questionnaire https://forms.office.com/e/pHeA6k3mN8
- This can all be found at:

Weston Favell Academy will start their consultation process on Thursday 18th May to Friday 2nd June 2023. On Thursday 18th May we held our parent/carer consultation.

Consultation questions:

Please complete this parent survey: https://forms.office.com/e/pHeA6k3mN8

Your views are important to us and we will respond to you on the outcome of this process later on in term 6. Once we have considered the feedback, the draft updated Relationships and Sex Education Policy will be uploaded to the academy's website which will set out the proposed curriculum and how you can feedback.

I hope this letter and attached information goes some way to alleviate any worries you may have. If you have any queries or concerns regarding the consultation process, please do not hesitate to me on npatel@westonfavellacademy.org.

Yours sincerely

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