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Dear Parent/Carer,

Relationships Education

The Department for Education (DfE) issued statutory requirements for Relationships and Health Education in 2020. At the time we consulted parents and shared our resources. However, we wish to further outline, clarify and consult parents on our RSHE curriculum.

You can read about these requirements in this DfE guide for parents here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-sex-and-health-educationguides-for-schools>

At Park View we teach our statutory requirements around RHE through our PSHE and Science curriculum, we therefore call it RSHE: Relationships, **SCIENCE**, Health education.

The DfE strongly encourages primary schools to deliver sex education to help prepare children for their transition to secondary school. At Park View we do this as part of our reproduction topics during teaching in the **SCIENCE** curriculum and PSHE in upper Key stage 2 teaching the children about healthy relationships. Most schools are already delivering very effective Relationships and Health Education and the new guidance is simply about ensuring that all children get the information they need and want. In Years 5,6 some lessons will help children to learn about their bodies including the changes that take place at puberty, and will help keep them safe, so they can form healthy relationships (friendships) with others, now and in the future.

At Park View our PSHE curriculum covers many aspects of the RHE guidance, it enables our children to become healthy, independent and responsible members of society. In PSHE we do not teach any terminology around LGBT to any children until they reach upper key stage 2. It is vitally important to understand that any reference to adult relationships, whether LGBT or heterosexual people is NOT describing sexual activity as this would be inappropriate. Relationships lessons focus on respect and regard between people e.g. friendships and families.

This letter is an introduction to a PowerPoint we have today sent out outlining how, we as a school, meet the statutory DfE guidance on RSHE. It outlines what will be and what will not be taught to your child.

Please read over the information carefully and contact the school with queries you may have via:

Admin@deantrustparkview.co.uk. Feedback is welcome and we will continue to review and develop the school's policy for RHE with your input.

Parents of year 5 and 6 pupils will also receive an invite to our annual RHE parent view forum in their coming weeks.

Yours sincerely

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