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# Broadway Junior School

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Dear parents and carers,

## **Re: Parent Information and Consultation on School Relationships Education**

At Broadway Junior School, personal, social and health education (PSHE) enables our children to become happy, healthy, independent and responsible members of a society. It aims to help them understand how they are developing personally and socially, and tackles many of the moral, social and cultural issues that are part of growing up.

From Summer 2021, the Department for Education is making Relationships Education and Health Education compulsory in all schools. This has been delayed from September 2020 due to the circumstances we find ourselves in as a result of COVID-19. We are therefore writing to you to provide an awareness of our Relationships Education draft policy and curriculum overview that we propose to follow from the Summer term 2021.

### **What does the new guidance mean?**

The new guidance focuses on healthy relationships and keeping children safe in the modern world. Relationships Education will put in place the foundations needed for positive and safe relationships, including with family, friends and online. Your children will be taught what a relationship is, what friendship is, what family means and who can support them. Your child's developmental age and needs will be taken into careful consideration and all topics will be taught with kindness and care, within a safe environment. The guidance also covers a wide range of topics relating to physical and mental health and wellbeing.

The content set out in this guidance covers everything that primary schools should teach about relationships and health, including puberty. The national curriculum for science also includes subject content in related areas, such as the main external body parts, the human body as it grows from birth to old age (including puberty) and reproduction in some plants and animals.

As it is up to primary schools to determine whether they need to cover any additional content on sex education, we have decided to opt out of teaching your child sex education. As required, pupils in Year 5 and 6 will be taught puberty during the Summer term.

### **What if I have questions?**

Please take some time to read our Relationships Policy and take a look at our PSHE planning (which is on our website). You can also find year group curriculum maps (based on PSHE Association resources) which outline the themes of Relationships Education from Year 3 to Year 6. This will give you a good idea of the kind of things that your child will be learning about.

Should you have any questions or comments, please complete the accompanying survey (on our website) and we will get back to you.

Yours sincerely,

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