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Dear Parent/Carer,

Relationships, Health and Sex Education

You may already be aware that the Department for Education has made Relationships and Sex Education a statutory subject within the National Curriculum for all secondary schools from September 2020. Health Education also became compulsory in all state funded schools. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, schools have been allowed to introduce this subject to the curriculum through the academic year and should begin teaching by at least the start of the summer term 2021.

The full statutory guidance for these subjects can be found by following this link: [Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education \(RSE\) and Health Education Statutory Guidance](#).

The new guidance focuses on healthy relationships and keeping children safe in the modern world. This includes a wide range of topics relating to physical and mental health and wellbeing, safeguarding and health relationships. Learning about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up will give pupils the information, skills and positive values to have safe, fulfilling relationships and help them take responsibility for their own well-being.

Stafford Manor High School aim to promote personal wellbeing and development to give pupils the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, productive and fulfilled lives, both now and in the future. We achieve this through teaching a comprehensive programme of Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) Education, and Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) which are key elements of our overall Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) programme.

We have developed a Relationships and Sex Education Policy so we can be sure our provision is appropriate for our pupils. Many parents and carers will have views on what our policy should, or should not, include, and we would like to hear those views. The consultation process does not mean that parents have a right to remove curriculum content, as schools are legally required to teach the content of the National Curriculum. The final decision regarding what is taught and when, is the responsibility of Stafford Manor High School. However, consulting with you will help to inform our final decisions about when and how certain content is covered.

We would welcome any views on our Relationships and Sex Education Policy. This document is available to view on our school's website, but a paper copy can be provided free of charge on request.

The consultation process begins on Wednesday 10th February and will close on Wednesday 3rd March. Your views are very important to us and we will inform you of the outcome of this process.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding the consultation process, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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