

16th June 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

The Department for Education introduced Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education for secondary students as part of the National Curriculum for all students from September 2022. Full details can be found:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education>

Schools are required to consult with parents when developing and reviewing their policies for Relationships and Sex Education (RSE). The purpose of the curriculum is to provide knowledge and understanding of safe and healthy relationships, based on respect. The subject is designed to support children from all backgrounds and ability build positive safe relationships, to thrive in modern Britain.

The Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education model curriculum covers KS3, KS4 and KS5 and is based on core themes. It is adaptable to the age and ability of the students.

The following themes are covered:

- Families
- Respectful relationships, including friendships
- Online and media
- Being safe
- Intimate and sexual relationships, including sexual health

Parents continue to have the right to withdraw their child from Sex Education except in those elements which are required and are statutory. Should parents wish to withdraw their children they are asked to **notify the school by contacting the Principal in writing**. We believe that the controlled environment of the classroom is the safest place for this curriculum to be followed. We believe the content of these subjects – such as family, friendship, safety including online safety – are important for all children to be taught.

As part of our planning for the new curriculum I am inviting parents, students, governors, staff as part of our consultation to review the attached draft policy and scheme of learning. The consultation period will run from Friday 17th June to Friday 24th June 2022.

Please do email your responses if you wish to enquires@haileyburyturnford.com with the title “SRE consultation”.

Please note, the school’s governing body holds the final responsibility for the policy and RSE provision throughout the whole school.

Yours faithfully



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Vice Principal

