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Dear Parent/Carer

Relationships and Sex Education Parent Consultation

The Department for Education has published updated statutory guidance for Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education. Full details are provided on the link below:

<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 RSE and Health Education is to provide students with the knowledge and understanding they need to develop safe, healthy and respectful relationships, make informed decisions, and keep themselves and others safe. The curriculum is taught in an age-appropriate way and is adapted to meet the needs and abilities of our students. RSE and Health Education are delivered through our Personal Social Development curriculum. The curriculum is organised around the following broad themes delivered through KS3, KS4 and KS5:

- Families, friendships and respectful relationships
- Equality, consent, personal safety and safeguarding
- Online safety, media literacy and digital wellbeing
- Physical health, puberty, mental health and healthy lifestyles
- Intimate and sexual relationships, including sexual health

Parents and carers continue to have the right to withdraw their child from Sex Education except in those elements which are required and are statutory. This does not include Relationships Education, Health Education, or content taught as part of the Science curriculum. Should parents/carers wish to withdraw their child, 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) – is 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 policy and scheme of learning. The consultation period will run from Friday 3rd July until Friday 17th July. Please do email your responses if you wish to:

enquires@haileyburyturnford.com with the title “RSE 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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