

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Shillington Lower school, we believe in offering a curriculum which is broad and balanced. As a part of your child's educational experience we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive taught programme of Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education. We aim to give our children the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, productive and fulfilled lives, both now and in the future.

From September 2020 and no later than Summer term 2021, it is mandatory for primary schools to teach Relationships Education and Health education. In addition, it is strongly encouraged by the government for primary schools to teach additional Sex Education to that which is already covered within the Science curriculum too after an initial consultation with parents and Carers. This means we have had to make some changes to what we teach. For more information, here is the link to this government guidance:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/908013/Relationships\\_Education\\_Relationships\\_and\\_Sex\\_Education\\_RSE\\_and\\_Health\\_Education.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/908013/Relationships_Education_Relationships_and_Sex_Education_RSE_and_Health_Education.pdf)

The new guidance focuses on healthy relationships and keeping children safe in the modern world. It also covers a wide range of topics relating to physical and mental health, wellbeing, safeguarding and healthy relationships. Learning about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up, it will give our children the information, skills and positive values to have safe, fulfilling relationships and will help them take responsibility for their own well-being. All of the teaching will be age-appropriate and will meet the needs of all children in the class.

This is part of our school's PSHE education programme which is taught throughout the school in every year group using the Coram Life Education SCARF (Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship) resource. All teaching in PSHE will take place in a safe learning environment and be underpinned by our school ethos and values. A variety of opportunities will be provided for pupils to ask questions in order to prepare them for relationships of all kinds in the modern world.

As a school community, we are committed to working in partnership with parents. We would like to take the opportunity to consult with parents to gain their views. We ask that you read the following document which is attached to this ParentMail for ease of reference:

- Draft PSHE & RSE policy

Additional information can be found on our school website including a Parents Consultation on RSE PowerPoint Presentation and a SCARF RSE parent information guide.



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After reading these documents, and in order to provide feedback to this consultation, we would appreciate your completion of the separate questionnaire which you will be sent to you to via ParentMail.

The consultation period will begin on Wednesday 24th<sup>th</sup> February and end on Wednesday 3rd<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

Your views are very important to us, once we have considered all the feedback from parents, staff and governors, and gained the views of the children, the final policy will be uploaded to the school's website. If you have any queries or concerns regarding the consultation process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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