

St Mary's CE Primary School

'Nurturing Success'



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Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of your child's educational experience at St Mary's CE Primary School, we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive taught programme of Personal, Social, Health and Economics (PSHE) education that gives children and young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, productive and fulfilled lives, both now and in the future.

As you may already be aware, the Department for Education has announced changes to relationships and sex education following a nationwide consultation. All schools will be required to comply with the updated requirements by the end of the academic year. The statutory guidance can be found at

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

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 will give children and young people the information, skills and positive values to have safe, fulfilling relationships and help them take responsibility for their own wellbeing.

Consequently, from September 2020, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), along with Health Education, will be statutory and form part of the National Curriculum.

This means that we have been reviewing our RSE curriculum and policy so that we can be sure our RSE provision is appropriate for our pupils based on their:

- Age
- Physical and emotional maturity
- Religious and cultural backgrounds
- Special educational needs and disabilities



We hope that consulting with you will help to inform our schools' decision on the content we are covering in our lessons. As part of our curriculum review we would like your views on:

- Our RSE policy
- Our long term plan

To help you understand the curriculum requirements, we have placed information on our website which we encourage you to read. This includes:

- A summary of what pupils are expected to know by the end of primary school
- FAQ sheet
- Our school RSE policy
- DFE guidance of statutory requirements
- A powerpoint presentation for parents
- An anonymous questionnaire

This can all be found on <https://www.stmaryscofe-beverley.co.uk/>

We will be starting our consultation process on Monday 9th November. The consultation will close on Friday 20th November.

Consultation questions

1. Would you like support at home, on how to speak to your child about relationship and sex issues?
2. Are there any changes or additions that you think you should be made to the RSE policy?
3. Are there any changes or additions that you think should be made to the RSE curriculum outline?
4. Thinking about RSE, what do you believe is the most important subject area that should be taught for different age groups/key stages and why?
5. Thinking about RSE, is there an area that you think should not be taught for different age groups/key stages and why?

Your views are very important to us and we will respond to you on the outcomes of this process later this term.

Yours sincerely,

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