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Parents and Carers,

As a part of your child's education at Roman Way Academy, we promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education programme. PSHE education is the curriculum subject that gives young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live safe, healthy, productive lives and meet their full potential.

PSHE education is taught throughout the school in every year group and is monitored and reviewed regularly by the staff. All PSHE teaching takes place in a safe learning environment and is underpinned by our school ethos and values.

From September 2020, the Department for Education (DfE) is introducing compulsory Relationships Education for primary pupils and Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) for secondary pupils. The government are introducing Relationships Education at primary, to put in place the building blocks needed for positive and safe relationships of all kinds. This will start with family and friends, how to treat each other with kindness, and recognising the difference between online and offline friendships.

The new Relationships Education and RSE curriculum takes account of all faiths as the subjects are designed to help children from all backgrounds build positive and safe relationships, and to thrive in modern Britain. In all schools, when teaching these subjects, the religious background of pupils must be taken into account when planning teaching, so that topics are appropriately handled.

Parents will continue to have a right to request to withdraw their child from sex education delivered as part of RSE in secondary schools. However, there is no right to withdraw from Relationships Education at primary or secondary as the contents of these subjects – such as family, friendship, safety (including online safety) – are important for all children to be taught.

In light of the DfE's initiative, we have written our Relationships Policy to reflect how this is taught within our PSHE programme.

As a school community, we are committed to working in partnership with parents/carers. Please take a few minutes to read our policy and contact us with any concerns or questions you may have. The policy will be uploaded onto our website for the new academic year.

Kind regards

Mrs Inskip (PSHE Lead)