



19th April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: PSHE

[Please click here for our PSHE policy.](#)

Our PSHE policy and curriculum fully incorporates Department for Education guidelines that make:

- Health Education compulsory for primary and secondary pupils
- Relationships Education compulsory for primary pupils
- Relationships and Sex Education compulsory for secondary pupils.

The Department for Education continues to recommend that all primary pupils should also have a sex education programme tailored to the age and the physical and emotional maturity of the pupils. Our PHSE policy outlines how we deliver Relationship and Sex Education lessons to pupils in Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 and Year 6). In our policy you can see which lessons are taught in these year groups.

Our new PSHE curriculum reflects:

- Our pupils' age and maturity levels, as well as their cultural and religious backgrounds
- The values of our school community
- Every pupil's learning needs
- What pupils need to know to be healthy and safe in school, in their personal relationships and in the wider world

As per Department for Education guidelines, parents do not have the right to withdraw their child from lessons on Relationships or Health Education or the Science Curriculum. Parents and carers do have the right to withdraw their child from the 'sex education' elements of the Relationships and Sex Education lessons. Parents and carers have the right to request that their child be withdrawn from some or all of sex education. Schools should respect the parents' request to withdraw the child, up to and until three terms before the child turns 16.

If you would like to withdraw your child from sex education, please contact your child's Phase Leader (primary section) or Head of Year (secondary section). They will then discuss this request with you. Please contact them by Friday 29th April.

We very much hope following this meeting and a review of the lessons and resources that you will be happy for your child to take part. If however you need to discuss further, we will kindly ask you to complete the appropriate form ([Appendix A in the policy](#)) and email this to us (office@whitefriars.harrow.sch.uk). An appointment will then be made for you with a senior member of staff.

Many thanks for your positivity and support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J. Watson
Headteacher