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Dear Parents/Carers

You will be aware that, as a part of your child's educational experience at Rockwood Academy, we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive taught programme of Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education that gives our young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, productive and fulfilled lives, both now and in the future.

From September 2020 the Department for Education is making Relationships Sex Education and Health Education compulsory in all schools.

What does the new guidance mean?

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 young people 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 sessions will be age-appropriate and meet the needs of all pupils in the class.

How will this be delivered?

This guidance will form part of our Academies personal development programme which is taught throughout the school in every year group and is monitored and reviewed regularly by the staff and Governing Body. For more detail about the proposed Personal Development curriculum offer, please visit the following website: [Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education guidance \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-and-health-education-guidance). All teaching in personal development 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 to further their understanding and to find out more about what affects them personally.

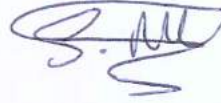
What if I have questions?

To introduce parents to this concept and to ensure everyone is informed, we would like to consult all stakeholders about the statutory content of the relationships and sex education programme. As a school community, we are committed to working with parents. If you would like to find out more, make any comments or provide feedback, please contact Mr S Malik and Mrs R Bakewell through calling the school reception. Alternatively, please provide your comments by email to: RSEconsultation@rockwood-academy.co.uk. The consultation will close at 12pm on Friday 4th December 2020.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs R Bakewell
Deputy Headteacher

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Mr S Malik
Assistant Headteacher