



Lydgate Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The new Relationships and Health Education curriculum becomes statutory in the summer term 2021. We will start teaching elements of the new curriculum in the summer term with full implementation from September 2021. Before September we want to consult parents on the content of this new area of the curriculum; we want to hear your thoughts and ideas. We would like to know how we might better mark the diversity of our community.

We are proud to be a Rights Respecting School. The R&HE curriculum complements the core values of RRS; respecting different cultures, valuing diversity, developing tolerance and ensuring inclusion. It is our intention that the full curriculum has children's rights at its heart.

Attached to this letter, you will receive an overview of the R&HE curriculum. Relationships Education themes for Key Stage 2 are on one side, with themes in Health Education for Key Stage 2 on the second.

Sheffield City Council is working with community leaders across the city, for a period extending over more than a year already, in formulating this curriculum content. Individual schools must also consult their parent group, and this letter marks the start of our consultation with parents. There will be an online questionnaire for parents to share their thoughts or concerns, and an opportunity to share ideas on how our school can reflect the different cultures represented in our Lydgate Junior School community.

There has been some mis-information about the new curriculum, one of the concerns being that all primary school children will take part in sex education; this is incorrect. We plan to teach sex education as we have always done in Years 5 and 6 as part of the science curriculum, with the option for parents to view the materials, ask questions and withdraw their child. We will continue to involve parents, prior to teaching these units, so that everyone is aware of the content being taught and can make an informed decision.

The new R&HE curriculum is an opportunity to enhance what we already do and value, and to reflect to a greater degree the community we serve. Most importantly, it will help pupils at Lydgate Junior School understand the modern world in which they live and to develop greater empathy, tolerance and understanding.

Please read the attached overview and let us know if you have any thoughts/comments through the [survey](#). If you do not, then there is no need to complete the survey. It will close at midday on Thursday 1st April.

Yours sincerely,

The RS/RE&HE Development Team

