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Dear Parent & Carers,

At West Earlham Junior School, we work hard to promote the safeguarding, health (physical and emotional) and happiness of our pupils, as promoted through our school aims and values.

As you may already be aware, as of September 2020 it is now a statutory requirement that they teach Relationships Education and Health Education, with a recommendation from the Department for Education to continue to teach sex education as part of the basic school curriculum (RSHE). We welcome this guidance as an opportunity to further develop our existing good practice. You can read the guidance in full here:

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

Our aim is to teach RSHE to the same high standard as our other curriculum areas through the provision of a spiral, development curriculum that is tailored to the age-and-stage of our pupils' needs. It will enable pupils to build on their learning at an appropriate pace and to re-visit some topics to further develop knowledge, values and skills.

Our experienced and skilled teachers are committed to teaching RSHE within an inclusive and supportive learning environment, using non-biased resources taught through non-judgmental teaching approaches. This will allow pupils the opportunity to consider the information and develop their own values, attitudes and opinions relevant to the topic.

We believe in the importance of parents as primary educators of their children and encourage you to discuss your child's relationships and sex education with them at home.

This is an opportunity for you to share your family values in relation to the topics, building important channels of communication about emotions, the human body and relationships with your child both now and in the future.

As part of implementing the RSHE curriculum, we would like to consult with you on our proposed RSHE policy and curriculum content. Please:

1. Watch our explanatory PPT
2. Read our draft RSHE policy, including the scheme of work for each year group with the themes which will be covered in each year group
3. Complete our survey to share your views

We will be inviting you to attend a parent's information session as soon as we are able to safely do so. In the meantime, please read the 'Top tips for talking to your child'.

If you have any queries, please contact the school by email in the first instance:

Safeguarding@westearlhamjunior.norfolk.sch.uk

Yours faithfully,

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