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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Department for Education has recently made statutory changes to the Relationships and Sex Education Curriculum that schools have a legal duty to deliver. The Government believes that an **age appropriate**, drip feeding of information is very important for children.

As a result, we have reviewed our existing PSHE (Personal, Social, Health, Education) and RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) Curriculum to ensure that it remains relevant and consistent with government changes. There have been minimal changes required for our school as we already provide a very comprehensive PSHE/RSE education.

Safeguarding our children is of paramount importance to us at The Discovery School. We also believe it is essential that children are provided with correct, age-appropriate information to assist them in making sensible choices to keep themselves safe and to develop respect for themselves and others as they progress through the school.

We believe that our comprehensive programme of PSHE (including RSE) provides accurate information about the body, puberty and reproduction in a sensitive and age-appropriate way. Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) is learning about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up, relationships, sex and human sexuality in an age-appropriate way at each stage of a child's development. It also gives our children essential skills for building positive, enjoyable, respectful and non-exploitative relationships, whilst staying safe both on and offline.

So that you are aware of the content of our curriculum, our school policy and scheme of work (the curriculum content by each school year) are published on our school website:

<https://www.discovery.kent.sch.uk/about-us/policies/>

<https://www.discovery.kent.sch.uk/curriculum/curriculum-maps/>

Parents have the right to withdraw their child/ren from non-statutory components of the PSHE and RSE curriculum. However, it is hoped that sensitive and supportive discussion with the Head Teacher and class teacher may be entered into so that parents are reassured, and withdrawal will not happen.

Should you have any questions about the curriculum, please do not hesitate to talk to your child's class teacher.

Kind regards,

Mrs B Hook  
PSHE and RSE Lead



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