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## Relationship and Sex Education Policy: Consultation Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have previously consulted parents on our RSE policy and approach, but this term we are introducing a new PSHE scheme called Jigsaw across school, which includes RSE content. To ensure that we are transparent in the delivery of PSHE and RSE, we would like to run another short consultation.

This new scheme is used widely across the trust, and we have ensured that the 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 the wider world.

Please note that we teach sex education as part of a scheme of learning, but parents/carers have the right to withdraw their child/ren from any sex education elements, apart from areas that are required in the National Curriculum for science. Parents/Carers are not able to withdraw their children from relationship and health elements of the curriculum.

Before any sex education (Year 6) is delivered, parents will be given the right to withdraw their children from these lessons. The academy will provide alternative learning during this period. Please note, pupils in Year 6 have already been taught this part of the curriculum through the old scheme of learning in the Autumn Term.

Furthermore, we have now updated our RSE policy to include our new curriculum. You'll find a copy of our policy, along with a detail content overview, here: <u>PSHE / RSE - Our Intent - Norbridge Academy</u>

We would like to share details of our new PHSE/RSE curriculum, and the wider policy. Therefore, we would like to invite you to attend a consultation on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May**. The consultation will be held in Year 1 Robin Class, at 3:30pm, and will last approximately 30 minutes.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact the academy on 01909 472322.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Rebecca Jackson Head of Academy















