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Dear Parents and Carers

## Re: PSHE Secondary Age (Key Stage 3 & 4) Parent Consultation

As you may already be aware, the Department for Education has announced changes to Relationships Education following nationwide consultation. These changes were due to come into effect from September 2020 and all schools are required to comply with the updated requirements. Due to COVID-19, this has been delayed until 2021 and will be introduced into the curriculum. We are writing to consult with you prior to the introduction of these changes. Relationships, Sex and Health Education will not be limited to discreet teaching; it will be embedded through all areas of learning. All lessons will be developmentally appropriate and sensitive to the needs and religious background of all students in the class.

As part of your young person's education at Severndale Specialist Academy, we want all children to grow up healthy, happy, safe, and able to manage the challenges and opportunities of modern Britain. This is why from September 2021, all secondary-age children will be taught Relationships, Sex and Health Education.

At Severndale Specialist Academy, we recognise and understand the importance of a comprehensive, age appropriate and suitably differentiated programme as part of our PSHE curriculum. Our programme of study takes into consideration the diverse range of our learners' needs at every level of development, and is reinforced by a shared ethos of promoting individual health and wellbeing. All PSHE teaching will take place in a safe learning environment, following our school ethos and values: 'everyone valued, everyone included and everyone learning'. Our programme is underpinned and guided by principles of keeping children and young people safe. Students will also have opportunities to ask questions.

Please see attached RSE Secondary school guide for parents for more detail.

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/907640/RSE\\_secondary\\_schools\\_guide\\_for\\_parents.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/907640/RSE_secondary_schools_guide_for_parents.pdf)

You have the opportunity to discuss more about the PSHE curriculum next week at parents evening on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Please discuss any concerns or questions that you have. If you have ideas or thoughts, you can also email [emily.ford@severndaleschool.co.uk](mailto:emily.ford@severndaleschool.co.uk)

Your views are important to us and the consultation of the development of this new RSHE (RSE/ PSHE) curriculum will continue into the Autumn term with opportunities for you to contribute in parent forums and workshops.

Yours sincerely

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