



# NINE ACRES COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

As part of your child's educational experience at Nine Acres Primary School, we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive taught programme of Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education that gives the children the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live a healthy, safe, productive and fulfilled lives, both now and in the future.

As you may already be aware, The Department of Education, has announced changes to relationship and sex education following nationwide consultation. These changes have come into effect from September 2020 and all schools will be required to comply with the updated requirements. The statutory guidance can be found at:

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

The new guidance focuses on healthy relationships and keeping children safe in the modern world. It also covers a wide range of topics relating to physical and mental health, well-being, Safeguarding and healthy relationships.

Learning about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up will give children the information, skills and positive values to have safe relationships and help them take responsibility for their own well-being.

Consequently, from September 2020, Relationship and Sex Education (RSE), along with Health Education, will be statutory, and form part of the National Curriculum.

This means that we have been reviewing our RSE curriculum and policy so that we can be sure our provision is appropriate for our pupils based on their:

- Age
- Physical and emotional maturity
- Religious and cultural backgrounds
- Special educational needs and disabilities

Whilst I am sure that there will be differences of opinion about this, we hope that consulting with you will help to inform our school's decisions on when and how certain content is covered, and enable us to reach a general consensus. Consequently, as part of our curriculum review we seek your views on:

- Our draft Policy for Relationship and Sex Education (RSE)

What is taught, and how, is ultimately a decision for the school and consultation does not provide a parent veto on curriculum content as schools are **legally** required to teach the National Curriculum. The right to withdraw children from some lessons is explained in the policy.

Nine Acres Primary School will be starting their consultation process on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020** and the consultation process will close on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020**.



**Consultation Questions:**

- 1) Would you like support at home on how to speak to your child about relationship and sex issues?
- 2) Are there any changes or additions that you think should be made to the RSE Policy?
- 3) Thinking about relationship and sex education, what do you believe is the most important subject area that should be taught for different age groups/key stage and why?
- 4) Thinking about relationships and sex education, is there an area you think should not be taught for different age groups/key stages and why?

Please email [office@nineacrespri.iow.sch.uk](mailto:office@nineacrespri.iow.sch.uk) with your feedback.

Your views are very important to us and we will respond to you on the outcome of this process later this term. Once we have considered all the feedback, the draft Relationship and Sex Education Policy will be uploaded to the website for your view.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding the consultation process, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Kind thanks,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive 'D' followed by a horizontal line.

Mrs Dyer  
Headteacher