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Dear Parent/Carer

You may recall Mr Parr mentioning to you in one of his letters last term that I would be in touch regarding the delivery of PSHE (including Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), and Health Education) in school. From September 2020 this has now become a statutory part of the National curriculum for all students. We are in the very fortunate position at Church Stretton School that our current PSHE offering already covers all of the new statutory content.

The purpose of the curriculum change is to provide knowledge and understanding of safe and healthy relationships based on respect. This is to encourage the development of safe and healthy relationships throughout life. The subject is designed to help children from all backgrounds build positive and safe relationships, and to thrive in modern Britain.

We had originally planned to invite interested parents into school for a consultation afternoon where the planned units of work were to be shared with you. Unfortunately, due to the current Covid-19 situation this is no longer possible. Instead I have attached the topics of work, for each year group, for you to look at and if you have any queries or questions please contact me directly at martyn.longhurst@csschool.co.uk

You do have a right to withdraw your child from sex education delivered as part of RSE in secondary schools which, unless there are exceptional circumstances, will be granted up to three terms before your child turns 16. At this point, if the child themselves wishes to receive sex education rather than be withdrawn, the school should make arrangements for this to happen in one of the three terms before the child turns 16 - the legal age of sexual consent.

There is no right to withdraw from Relationships Education at secondary level and we believe the content of these subjects – such as family, friendship, safety (including online safety) – are important for all children to be taught. However, we are confident you will share our enthusiasm for the successful implementation of the PSHE curriculum, which we feel will benefit all of our students.

You are welcome to contact me to discuss any details of the programme further.

Yours sincerely,

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