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Dear families,

The new statutory Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) curriculum was due to be introduced this September. This has now been delayed and will be mandatory from Summer 2021. We are currently updating our policy and will shortly begin a period of consultation to allow you, as parents, the opportunity to offer your views. The draft policy will be available on the school website for two weeks from 4th December 2020.

At Fernhill we use the Jigsaw Personal, Social, Health Education (PSHE) scheme which covers the mandatory requirements. Staff are receiving regular training sessions on the Jigsaw curriculum. RSE is compulsory in Primary schools but the sex education is not. However, we choose to teach sex education at Fernhill as part of the Jigsaw scheme.

At Fernhill, we are planning on teaching the new content to each year group in Summer Term 2. However, as the children missed last year's unit due to the pandemic, it is our intention to teach this in the last week of the Spring Term. The children are familiar with the structure of the Jigsaw lessons and these lessons will be taught by their class teacher in mixed gender groups, where appropriate.

If you would like your views to be heard, please see attached and email the school office with your views by 18th December 2020. The draft policy has been put together by Kite and has been adapted to make it specific to our setting.

It is our aim that, through these lessons, we will promote self-esteem and develop emotional health and wellbeing so that our children can establish positive and respectful relationships.

We look forward to hearing your thoughts.

Kind regards

Ms Slater

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