Exeter Children's Federation

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may already be aware, the Department for Education has announced changes to Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) following nationwide consultation. These changes came into effect from the beginning of September 2020 and all schools are required to comply with the updated requirements. The statutory guidance can be found at:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/908013/Relationships_Education__Relationships_and_Sex_Education__RSE__and_Health_Education.pdf

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, wellbeing, safeguarding and healthy relationships.
Learning about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up will give children and young people the information, skills and positive values to have safe, fulfilling relationships and help them take responsibility for their own well-being. Consequently, Relationships and Health Education, will be statutory, and form part of the National Curriculum from September this year, with Sex Education being covered if a school chooses to.

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

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

To ensure that all statutory areas of the RSE curriculum are delivered to a high standard whilst still being interactive, fun and engaging for the children, we have chosen to use the 1decision scheme of work from Reception to Year 6. The link below tells you a little more about 1decision and allows you to watch some of the videos that may be used in your child's PSHE lessons:

https://www.1decision.co.uk/resources/parent-carer-zone

Many parents and carers will have views on what our policy and scheme of work should, or should not, include and we would like to hear those views. This consultation process doesn't mean that parents have a right to remove curriculum content, as schools are legally required to teach the National Curriculum. However, consulting with you will help to inform our school's decisions about when and how certain content is covered, and enable us to reach some agreement. What is taught and how it is taught is ultimately a school decision, but we would like to know your views on:

- Our draft policy for Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)

- When and how certain content within this subject is covered.

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Because of the coronavirus pandemic, it is a little more challenging to consult with you in a face to face meeting, therefore, on our website you will find the first draft of our updated RSE policy as well as links to all relevant documents that show when and how we are covering the RSE curriculum as part of our Personal, Social, Health and Economic education (PSHE) teaching:

https://www.ecfschools.org.uk/policies

When you have had an opportunity to read through the draft RSE policy, we would like to hear your thoughts by completing the survey on the following link:

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/2SVKM9J

The consultation period will run from **Monday 28th September 2020** to **Monday 12th October 2020.**

Finally, for more information and guidance, this link takes you to a parent guide to RSE that we hope you find useful:
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/907638/RSE_primary_schools_guide_for_parents.pdf

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