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29th June 2020,

Dear Parents,

We are writing to you as part of a consultation process to seek your views on our School's new Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Policy.

This revised policy has been formulated as a result of the fact that in June 2019, the DfE published new guidance entitled "Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education". This guidance:

- a. Sets out the topics that need to be taught to students by the end of primary school;
- b. Makes it compulsory for all schools to have an RSE Policy and to consult parents and carers in the development of that policy; and
- c. Makes changes to the right of parents or carers to withdraw their child from the elements of sex education that are not taught as part of the compulsory national science curriculum.

Our new policy (attached) has been prepared in line with these updated requirements from the Department for Education (DfE).

The new requirements formalise expectations but don't make significant changes to what we already teach our students. Many of the topics required by the DfE were already taught as part of our Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) curriculum, and in other subjects.

We would very much appreciate any comments and suggestions related to the policy or likewise, if any parts of the policy cause you any concern, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

In order that we can get the policy in place for the required deadline of September, we are asking please for any responses to be submitted to the school office (email address is: admin@eyeprimarysuffolk.org), for the attention of Mrs. Jarvis (current RSE subject lead), by Friday, July 10th. Alternatively, if you would just like to have an informal chat about the policy, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Jarvis or myself.

Kind regards

Steve Ginn
Head Teacher

