



Acting Headteacher: Mr Carl Sutherland

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Dear parent/carer

### PHSE and Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)

As a part of your child's education at Lobley Hill, we promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education programme. PSHE education is the curriculum subject that gives children the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live safe, healthy, productive lives and meet their full potential.

We are writing to you in light of changes to the Department for Education guidance on Relationships and Health Education, which is now compulsory in all schools, as well as changes to our chosen PHSE/RSE scheme. Parents will not be able to withdraw their children from any aspect of Relationships Education or Health Education (which includes learning about the changing adolescent body and puberty). Parents will have the right, however, to withdraw their children from any aspects of Sex Education that will be taught in school, other than those which are part of the Science curriculum.

The PHSE curriculum which includes elements of Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) will build on the primary curriculum. This will better equip your child with the information they need to make safe, informed and healthy decisions as they progress through adult life.

We are reviewing our RSE curriculum and policy so we can be sure our RSE provision is appropriate for our pupils based on their:

- o Age
- o Physical and emotional maturity
- o Religious and cultural backgrounds
- o Special educational needs and/or disabilities.

As a school community, we are committed to working in partnership with parents and carers; therefore, to introduce this new curriculum and to ensure everyone is informed, we would like parents and carers to be part of this consultation process.

We would like to invite parents/carers to be part of **an initial meeting to outline the timeline for the roll out of our policy and curriculum**. (Please note, the content of the curriculum will not be discussed at this meeting.) The meeting will take place on **13<sup>th</sup> March @ 2.30pm** and we would ideally like a representation from each year group. If you can attend, please complete the following forms link by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March:

<https://forms.office.com/e/T1xjw6EgXQ>

We will confirm your attendance on Monday 11 March.

**There will be further opportunity for all parents and carer to attend an open event on Wednesday 1 May @ 9am or 5pm.**

We strongly believe that this new curriculum will support children's development and mental wellbeing in an ever-changing society. We hope that you and your child find it to be useful and informative, and we look forward to working with you on it.

Yours sincerely

*Kadie Smith*

PHSE lead