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Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of your child's education at Standens Barn Primary School, we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive programme of Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education. This gives children and young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, productive and fulfilled lives, both now and in the future.

In September 2020, the Department for Education announced changes to Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and all schools are required to comply with the updated requirements. The statutory guidance can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education>

We have, however, recently reviewed our RSE curriculum and policy so we can continue to be sure our provision is appropriate for our pupils based on their age, physical and emotional maturity and special educational needs and disabilities.

PSHE and RSE is taught throughout the school in every year group and is monitored and reviewed regularly by the staff and Trust.

All teaching takes place in a safe learning environment and is underpinned by our school ethos and values of BEST.

As a school community, we are committed to working in partnership with parents and all stakeholders within it and as such we need your feedback to help us do this.

We would therefore like to invite you to take the opportunity to view our draft policy and curriculum intentions and reply with any areas you would like to discuss further.

We hope that consulting with you will help to inform our schools' decisions on when and how certain content is covered, and enable us to reach a general consensus.

The deadline for parental feedback is **Friday 10th November 2023** and can be made via email to head@standens.northants-ecl.gov.uk.

What and how these subjects are taught is ultimately a decision for the school and consultation does not provide a parental veto on curriculum content as schools are legally required to teach the National Curriculum.

The right to withdraw children from Sex Education lessons is explained in the draft Policy which accompanies this letter. As this is in Year 6, separate letters of consent are sent to parents and carers and our Year 6 team also provide an opportunity to view lesson materials so you are able to make an informed decision.

Once we have considered all the feedback the draft updated Relationships, Sex and Health Education Policy will be uploaded to the school's website which will also set out the proposed curriculum.

Last term, we offered parents and carers the opportunities to come into school to meet with myself and the PSHE and RSE subject leaders and hear about the curriculum we offer. The presentation was an opportunity for you to hear and see how the 7-year curriculum is progressive and age appropriate and to also look at the resources that may be used with your child(ren). I have also attached the information that was emailed to all parents/carers following these sessions.

I hope this letter and attached information goes some way to alleviate any worries you may have. If you have any queries or concerns regarding the consultation process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Amie James
Head teacher