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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may be aware, the Department for Education has updated its guidance for Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education. The updated requirements come into effect from September 2026, and all schools are required to follow the statutory guidance.

You can view the guidance on www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education or via the Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education section of our school website.

We have reviewed our RSE and Health Education curriculum, policy and teaching resources to ensure they meet the updated requirements. The changes include areas such as online safety, personal safety and the correct names for body parts. These areas were already included within our curriculum, but we have updated our provision where necessary.

At Dovedale, we believe that providing children with age-appropriate knowledge about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up helps them develop the knowledge, skills and values they need to build healthy relationships and look after their own wellbeing.

Our curriculum has been carefully developed to take account of pupils' age, physical and emotional maturity, religious and cultural backgrounds, and special educational needs and differences. Information about our updated curriculum can be found on our school website – Key Info – Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education.

Parent/Carer Consultation
We would like to invite you to take part in our consultation and share your views on our updated curriculum and supporting documents. The following information is available on our school website:

- Department for Education statutory guidance
- Our proposed RSE and Health Education policy
- Dovedale's RSE and Health Education curriculum map
- Knowledge organisers showing key learning from EYFS to Year 6
- An anonymous parent/carer questionnaire
- A PowerPoint presentation explaining the changes in more detail

You are also invited to visit our school hall on Friday 2nd October to view the resources in person, including examples of lesson plans and resources relating to some of the more sensitive topics covered. This will also provide an opportunity to ask our curriculum leaders (Miss Bestwick and Miss Nadin) any questions about our curriculum.

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Whilst there might be differences of opinions regarding the RSE and Health Education curriculum, the content of what is taught, and how this is taught, is ultimately a decision for the school as we have a requirement to follow statutory guidance. Because of this, our consultation does not provide a parental veto on curriculum content but does allow for us to reach a general consensus around how certain content is covered.

Parents/carers have the right to withdraw their child from some lessons. Further information about this is available in our RSE and Health Education Policy.

We would really appreciate you taking the time to engage with the consultation by sharing your views on the short survey https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/me3RezM5Rv. Your feedback is important to us, and we will share the outcome of the consultation later this term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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