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Dear Parent/Carer

As you may already be aware, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), along with Health Education, now forms part of the National Curriculum. This change began as of September 2020.

As a part of your child's education at NEECA, 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 young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live safe, healthy, productive lives and meet their full potential. As part of our school's wider Personal, Social and Health Education programme, your child will receive lessons on relationships, sexual health and personal safety.

Schools are required to consult with parents when developing and reviewing their policies for Relationships Education and RSE, which will inform schools' decisions on when and how certain content is covered. Our policies/curriculum information are on the website for you to read. You are welcome to contact me to discuss the programme further.

PSHE education is taught throughout the school in every year group and is monitored and reviewed regularly by the staff and governing body. Please visit the school's website: <https://www.neeca.co.uk/> for more detail about our PSHE curriculum. All PSHE teaching will take place in a safe learning environment and is underpinned by our school ethos and values.

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You do have a right to withdraw your child from **Sex Education** delivered as part of RSE in secondary schools which, unless there are exceptional circumstances, will be granted up to three terms before your child turns 16. At this point, if the child themselves wishes to receive Sex Education rather than be withdrawn, the school should make arrangements for this to happen in one of the three terms before the child turns 16 - the legal age of sexual consent.

There is no right to withdraw from **Relationships Education** at secondary level and we believe the content of these subjects – such as family, friendship, safety (including online safety) – are important for all children to be taught. However, we are confident you will share our enthusiasm for the successful implementation of the new PSHE curriculum, which we feel will benefit all of our students.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Mrs Helen Lugger, Head of Humanities on 01206 852156.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jo Cookson'.

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