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Dear Parents and Carers

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New Statutory DfE Guidance for Schools on Relationships, Health and Sex Education

New statutory guidance has recently come into operation from the DfE. This strengthens schools' existing duties to teach about equality, people with protected characteristics, and diversity. For most schools, this is nothing very new. The PSHE (personal, social and health education) curriculum has contained lessons about relationships, keeping safe, diversity and friendships for a very long time.

The science curriculum already covers topics such as changes to our bodies, including menstruation, as we approach puberty. This also includes work on life cycles and the naming of body parts.

At our school, we also deliver some additional sex education lessons in Year 6. These lessons cover how a baby is conceived and born. Parents have the right to withdraw their child from these specific sex education lessons but not from content which comes under the PSHE, relationships or science curriculum. The school will always inform Year 6 parents when specific, sex education lessons are planned.

I have attached our draft RSE (relationships and sex education) policy for your information. If you would like to make any comments about our policy, please send an email to admin@meadgate.essex.sch.uk and mark the subject as Feedback on Relationships and Sex Education Policy by 8th October 2021.

I do hope you will find the policy interesting and useful to see how we teach these important subjects at school.

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