

Dear Parents/Carers

You will be aware that, as a part of your child's educational experience at Priors Hall- a learning community, we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through an inclusive programme of Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) that gives our young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, productive and fulfilled lives, both now and in the future.

From September 2020 the Department for Education is making Relationships Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education compulsory in all schools.

What does the new guidance mean?

The new guidance focuses on healthy relationships and keeping children safe in the modern world. It also covers a wide range of topics relating to physical and mental health, wellbeing, safeguarding and healthy relationships. Learning about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up, it will give young people the information, skills and positive values to have safe, fulfilling relationships and will help them take responsibility for their own well-being. All of the sessions will be age-appropriate and meet the needs of all pupils in the class.

How will this be delivered?

At Priors Hall, the RSE content is delivered through our comprehensive PSHE programme which is taught throughout the school in every year group and is monitored and reviewed regularly. For more detail about the PSHE curriculum at Priors Hall, please visit the school's website: www.priorshallschool.co.uk

All teaching of PSHE will take place in a safe learning environment and be underpinned by our school ethos and values. A variety of opportunities will be provided for pupils to ask questions to further their understanding and to find out more about what affects them personally. All lessons are taught using correct terminology, child-friendly language and diagrams.

What if I have questions?

To introduce parents to this concept and to ensure everyone is informed, we would like to read our RSE policy and the content of our Relationships and Sex Education programme which can be found on our school website. The RSE policy also contains important information for parents who may wish to withdraw their children from these classes.

For any Early Years/KS1 queries, please email Lucy Nisbet - lucynisbet@priorshallalc.com

For any KS2 queries, please email Katie Canham – katiecanham@priorshallalc.com

We want your feedback!

As a school community, we are committed to working with parents. To make any comments or provide feedback on this policy, please complete the questionnaire by visiting our website and selecting 'RSE Consultation' under the Our School Curriculum tab or by following this link: <https://forms.gle/kWvuAQ4FTaWrGr3G9>

The closing date for feedback is **Friday 11th December 2020**.

Yours sincerely,

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