

Dear Parents & Carers,

As you may be aware, last year The Department for Education announced new statutory content on relationships and health education. These changes were due to come into effect from September 2020. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and school closures, the government decided to extend this deadline to the Summer Term of 2021. From this new date all schools will be required to comply with these requirements.

The new guidance focuses upon healthy relationships and keeping children safe in the modern world. The curriculum covers a wide range of topics relating to physical and mental health, wellbeing, safeguarding and healthy relationships. The curriculum is designed to support children to learn about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up in a modern and diverse world. It is designed to give young people the information and help them to develop skills and positive values to have safe, fulfilling relationships and to take responsibility for their own wellbeing.

We planned to run some parent workshops last year to share further information on the changes to the curriculum with you. However, due to the school closure these were unable to go ahead. Under the current circumstances, we are still unable to invite parents into school to take part in these workshops, but we still want to engage with you on this important aspect of your child's education.

From today, you will be able to find a page on the school website that will contain a range of additional information and examples of resources that we will use as a school to deliver the PSHE curriculum.

This can be accessed here: <https://christchurch.sandwell.sch.uk/permalink/4652.html>

What if I have questions about this information?

As a school community, we are committed to keeping everybody informed and working with parents therefore, if after reading through this information you would like to respond, we invite you to contact us during a formal parent consultation period at [RSHE@christchurchsandwell.org](mailto:RSHE@christchurchsandwell.org) to ask questions, make suggestions and gather your views. The formal RSE policy consultation period will begin on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 at 9:00 am** and will end **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 9:00 am**.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,