



Newby and Scalby Primary

'Dream, Believe, Succeed'

22nd March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Relationships, Sex and Health Education Policy Parental Consultation

As part of your child's educational experience at Newby and Scalby School, we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive taught programme of Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) Education that gives children and young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, productive and fulfilled lives both now and in the future.

As you may already be aware, the Department for Education announced changes to relationships and sex education (RSE) following a nationwide consultation and all schools are required to comply with the updated requirements. The statutory guidance can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education>

The 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 will give children and young people the information, skills and positive values to have safe, fulfilling relationships and help them take responsibility for their own well-being.

Please read this letter in conjunction with our Coast and Vale RSE policy which can be found on our school website or by follow the link below

<https://www.newbyandscalby.coastandvale.academy/about-our-school/school-policies/>

The Jigsaw Programme which we use, offers us a comprehensive, carefully thought-through Scheme of Work which brings consistency and progression to our children's learning in this vital curriculum area. The overview of the programme can be seen on the school website or by following the link below

<https://www.newbyandscalby.coastandvale.academy/curriculum/subjects1/personal-social-health-education/>

You do have a right to withdraw your child from RSE lessons, but the 'relationships' part of the curriculum will be statutory. 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.

At Newby and Scalby Primary School, puberty is taught as a statutory requirement of Health Education and covered by our Jigsaw PSHE Programme in the 'Changing Me' Puzzle (unit). We conclude that sex education refers to Human Reproduction, and therefore inform parents of their right to request their child be withdrawn from the PSHE lessons that explicitly teach this i.e. the Jigsaw Changing Me Puzzle (unit) e.g.

Year 4, Lesson 2 (Having a baby)

Year 5, Lesson 4 (Conception)

Year 6, Lesson 3 (Conception, birth)

We are of course happy to discuss the content of the curriculum and invite you to contact the PSHE Led, Caroline Allenby.

Whilst I am sure that there will be differences of opinion about this, we hope that consulting with you will help to inform our schools' decisions on when and how certain content is covered and enable us to reach a general consensus. Consequently, as part of our curriculum review we would appreciate any views and thoughts.

The deadline for parental feedback is Friday 19th April 2024.

Your sincerely

Caroline Allenby
Personal Development and PSHE lead.