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Dear Parent/Carer,

Relationships and Sex Education policy review: parental consultation

As you may be aware, the Government has recently reviewed its approach to Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), and Health Education, making the teaching of these compulsory for all secondary schools (sections 34 and 35 of the Children and Social Work Act, 2017). At Ripley, this has been taught in a series of 'drop-down' PSHE days for many years and our curriculum already covers much of the new framework; as such, it is our intention to retain this model whilst reviewing curriculum content to ensure that we meet the revised statutory guidelines.

In line with the new legislation, we are in the process of drafting a new RSE policy and part of that process involves consulting with parents. A draft of the policy is also attached to this email and a survey has been created to enable parents/carers who wish to make comments on the policy to do so ([click here to access the survey](#)). The deadline for contributions to the consultation is Sunday 7th March and responses will be reviewed by both the Senior Leadership Team and a working party made up of members of staff, parents, governors and clergy in the following week. It is our aim to publish the final policy on Friday 19th March; this will then be available on the school website.

Once the policy is finalised, we will be restructuring the curriculum content and carefully checking this against government requirements. The outline curriculum will also be published on the school website in due course.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Gillthorpe'.

Mr D. Gillthorpe
Assistant Principal (Wider Curriculum)

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Principal Mrs C Walmsley
Chair of Governors Mrs J Garnett

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