



Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Department for Education has announced changes to relationships and sex education (RSE). These changes will come into effect from September 2020 and all schools will be required to comply with the updated requirements. This means that we will be reviewing our RSE curriculum and policy so we can be sure our RSE provision is appropriate for our pupils based on their age, physical and emotional maturity, religious/cultural backgrounds and special educational needs and/or disabilities.

In September students will look at a variety of topics which include:

- Families
- Respectful relationships including friendships,
- Online media
- Being safe
- Intimate and sexual relationships, including sexual health
- Mental wellbeing
- Internet safety and harms
- Changing adolescent body.

This list is by no means exhaustive but the government guidance on the new curriculum is clear and that is to ensure that 'all children grow up healthy, happy and safe and are able to manage the challenges and opportunities of modern Britain'.

Attached with this letter is an information leaflet from the government entitled: **Understanding Relationships, Sex and Health Education at your child's secondary school: a guide for parents.**

Further information can also be found here:

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

We would like your feedback on these changes so we are inviting you to share your thoughts. In previous years we would have done this face-to-face but given the current situation please can we ask that you email any comments to Mrs Blyth, Director Pastoral by Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Mrs Blyth's email address is: [rblyth@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:rblyth@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Ruth Blyth