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Dear Parent/Carer,

Department for Education (DfE) statutory requirements for Relationships and Health Education (RHE)

From September 2020, schools have to teach Relationships and Health Education as part of their Personal and Social Education curriculum.

You can read about these changes in this DfE guide for parents:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-sex-and-health-education-guides-for-schools>. The DfE also strongly encourages primary schools to deliver sex education to help prepare children for their transition to secondary school. Following the guidance, parents will not be able to withdraw their children from any aspect of Relationships Education or Health Education. Parents will be able to withdraw their children from any aspects of Sex Education other than those, which are part of the science curriculum. At Crowlees, there are three lessons identified as sex education in year 6.

Crowlees is already delivering very effective Personal, Social, Health, Relationships Education curriculum (PSHRE) and the new guidance is simply about consistency across all schools, ensuring that **all** children get the information they need and want. The lessons help children to learn about their bodies including the changes that take place at puberty, and help keep them safe, so they can form healthy relationships (friendships) with others and make informed choices, now and in the future.

Research now shows that children with better physical and mental health and wellbeing are likely to achieve better academically. By learning about positive relationships, respect for themselves and others, and behaving appropriately and safely online, they are better able to enjoy their friendships and therefore focus more at school.

We recognise that parents play a vital part in their child's PSHRE, and we encourage you to discuss these themes with your child at home and to give us your comments and questions you might have about our PSHRE curriculum. Our full curriculum is published on our website, under the RHE tab on the home page, where you can also find links to the following documents:

- The DfE FAQ page for Relationships Education
- The DfE document: Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education- Statutory Guidance
- Primary schools guidance for parents
- A summary of the statutory teaching objectives for Relationships and Health Education
- The full Crowlees Personal, Social, Health, Relationships and Sex Education (PSHRE) curriculum

We would like your questions or comments about the PSHRE curriculum. Please use this email to post them on CrowleesRSE@gmail.com. From this consultation, we will then collate a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on the website for parents.

Thank you for your support.

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