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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to make you aware that we have updated our RSE Policy (Relationships and Sexual Education Policy) following the statutory requirement that both Health Education and Relationships Education must be taught in all State funded Primary schools in England by the start of the Summer Term 2021.

The DFE (Department for Education) explains that *“These subjects are designed to equip your child with knowledge to make informed decisions about their wellbeing, health and relationships as well as preparing them for a successful adult life. The important lessons you teach your child about healthy relationships, looking after themselves and staying safe, are respected and valued under this new curriculum. Teaching at school will complement and reinforce the lessons you teach your child as they grow up. Your child’s school will have flexibility to deliver the content in a way that is age and developmentally appropriate and sensitive to the needs and religious background of its pupils.”*

At Stonebow we already cover the majority of these new statutory requirements for Primary RSE and Health Education within our PSHE, Science, ICT, RE and PE lessons so any changes to our curriculum content will be very minor. We will also continue to advise parents prior to teaching any potentially sensitive aspects of the RSE programme which are not part of our Science curriculum and provide parents with an opportunity to view the resources being used.

Stonebow’s revised RSE policy is available for you to view at any time on our school website. Please get in touch via email if, after reading it, you have any comments or questions.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Fiona Panni
Wellbeing Leadership Team Lead



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