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Dear Families of The Wren,

As a part of your child's education at The Wren School, we promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education and Relationships and sex education (RSE) programme. PSHE and RSE education is the curriculum subject that gives young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live safe, healthy, productive lives and meet their full potential.

We are writing to let you know that during this school year, our students will be taking part in lessons, which will focus on the relationships and sex education (RSE) aspect of this programme. RSE lessons in year 2021-22 will include teaching about healthy relationships including: friendships and intimate relationships; families; growing and changing; puberty; personal hygiene; changing feelings; becoming more independent; keeping safe; consent; developing self-esteem and confidence. Students will have opportunities to ask questions that help prepare them for relationships of all kinds in the modern world.

Following a consultation with parents, students and staff and being mindful of culturally important dates and festivals, we have revised our RSE policy and incorporated an RSE curriculum that suits our school, is sympathetic to the diversity of The Wren and satisfies our responsibility to meet the requirements of the National Curriculum. All PSHE/RSE teaching will take place in a safe learning environment and is underpinned by our school ethos and value; our RSE Policy is attached for your information

Whilst parents are not permitted to withdraw their child from some elements of the sex education provision – for example reproduction which is taught as part of the Science Curriculum – parents are able to withdraw their child (\*following discussion with the school) from any or all aspects of Sex Education only, other than those which are part of the science curriculum, up to and until three terms before the age of 16.

After that point, the government guidance states that 'if the child wishes to receive sex education rather than be withdrawn, the school should make arrangements to provide the child with sex education during one of those terms.' Any students withdrawn from Sex Education will attend an alternative appropriate educational provision.

Should you wish for your child to be withdrawn from the 'Sex Education' element of our RSE provision, please state your reasons below and a contact number so that we may discuss this with you.\*

Kind regards,

Mrs T Cresswell  
Assistant Vice Principal