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RE: Healthy Relationships and Sex Education (HRSE) Parent Consultation



Dear Parent/Carer,



I am sure you are aware that all state schools will be required by the Department for Education to be prepared to start the delivery of the new RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) curriculum – to be called HRSE at Heathcote - which should be in place no later than the beginning of the summer term 2021.



I am therefore inviting parents and carers to a Consultation Evening where we can share our proposals, explaining how we aim to meet these statutory requirements at Heathcote School and Science College and ensure our offer is right for our pupils. This will take place remotely on **Thursday 11th February 2021 at 5.00pm**. I have created a classroom on 'Google Classroom' called **HRSE Parent Consultation**, where we will hold this live consultation. **Please respond using the form in the Forms section if you would like to join by Tuesday 9th February at 9am and we will send the joining code.** If you cannot join the session, you can also indicate this on the form and raise any questions or comments. If you are a parent of a child with SEND, we would like to run a separate consultation after the main event. You are, of course, more than welcome to join the main consultation as well. Please indicate on the form if you would like to take part in the additional SEND consultation.



The agenda for this meeting will consist of the following topics and will be run by myself, with Mr Hutchins, Ms Gardiner (SENDCO), Miss Hillman and representatives from the Governing Body present.



- An outline of the new requirements
- What this means for our curriculum in terms of topics and delivery
- Presentation of our proposed curriculum for all Key Stages
- An opportunity to ask questions, offer suggestions or raise concerns through the use of break out rooms.



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We value your feedback and opinions as parents and carers and we are of the view that consultations like these are paramount for ensuring we work together in the best way, especially for issues that are potentially sensitive to some people. We are determined to get this offer right for our diverse group of pupils, ensuring everyone has access to the right information to make choices that will enable them to be happy and safe.



We look forward to sharing this with you on the evening of Thursday 11th February.



Pupil Consultation

We will be organising focus groups of pupils to get their feedback and we are targeting the following:

1. **A group of pupils who are in school – this will be a face to face session on 10th February**
2. **A group of Pupil Ambassadors – remote session**
3. **A group selected as a cross-section of the school community – remote session**
4. **A group of SEND pupils – remote session**



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Further information will be sent out about these groups and how they will work.

If you feel strongly that your child should have a voice in this consultation, please indicate this on the form and we can arrange for them to be part of a group or have an individual session with Ms Donoghue to share their views.

Conversely, if you feel strongly that you do not want your child to be in one of the focus groups outlined, please indicate this on the form.

All forms will be treated confidentially.

Please do not hesitate to contact me using the below email if you have any questions

sdonoghue@heathcote.waltham.sch.uk

You can also find further details on the new HRSE developments using this link.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Donoghue', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs S Donoghue

Head of PIE (Philosophy, identity and Ethics) and Mental Health Co-ordinator.