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Dear Parent/Carers,

As you may be aware, we wrote to all parents/carers last year drawing attention to the Department for Education's new Relationships and Sex and Health Education Policy. This was part of our wider consultation process whereby parents/carers were invited to share their views and express whether they would be interested in attending an open evening or having a one-to-one meeting. The response rate for this was extremely low. We believe this was due to the fact that RSHE teaching has been a practice of our school for many years already and there has been a high level of engagement and support from both parents and pupils.

This letter is to notify you that RSHE teaching will commence this term. The lessons will be delivered by your child's PDC teacher and follow our age appropriate scheme of work. Each class will receive at least 2 lessons taught by the class teacher. These lessons will focus on Sex and Relationships and/or Health Education as laid out in the statutory DfE Guidance and include aspects of the statutory Science curriculum.

RSHE Education is monitored and reviewed regularly by the staff and governing body. As a school community, we are committed to working in partnership with parents; withdrawal data from the last three years has indicated that the overwhelming majority of parents continue to be highly supportive of the Relationships and Sex and Health Education programme.

Finally, and most importantly, we need to ensure that our children are able to keep themselves safe and form positive relationships. Our RSHE Policy outlines why we feel it is an important part of our PSHE Education curriculum. The policy can be found online at

<https://www.barkingabbeysschool.co.uk/school-information/school-policies/>. We also invite you to

look at the PDC curriculum page at <https://www.barkingabbeysschool.co.uk/curriculum/pdc-and-citizenship/>. If you would like to see any of the teaching materials or have any questions, please

email the Head of PDC who will get back in touch.

Kind regards,

Head of Citizenship and PSHE

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