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Monday 30th November 2020

Re. Sex, Relationships and Health Education and PSHE

Dear Y5 Parents and Carers,

Sex and Relationships Education Policy

As you may be aware, the Department for Education is introducing compulsory Relationships Education and Health Education for primary pupils and Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) for secondary pupils during the academic year 2020-2021.

At Dulwich Hamlet, we have undertaken a significant body of work in reviewing and updating our PSHE and RSE provision in light of the new guidance, and are now in a position to share our updated Sex and Relationship Education policy with parents and carers. In this policy, we outline the school's approach to RSE and Health Education and provide details of the PSHE curriculum coverage and resources used.

Although we have significantly expanded our PSHE coverage to meet the requirements of the Health Education curriculum – including different families and mental wellbeing – our Sex and Relationship Education provision remains very similar to previous years. While Health and Relationships Education are compulsory, parents and carers retain the right to withdraw from non-statutory aspects of Sex and Relationship Education taught in year 6.

We invite parents and carers to review the policy – available on the school website and via the link below – and forward any feedback via a Google Form

https://forms.gle/XrbL5Tf1RD6ZHtpB7

by **Wednesday 16th December 2020.** We will prepare a summary response to Parents and Carers in the New Year.

https://tinyurl.com/y4fz7fbz Sex and Relationship Education Policy

RSE provision following school closure due to Covid-19

In previous years, the RSE curriculum content has been taught in a block of lessons in the summer term. However, due to school closures from March 2020, year 5 children did not receive RSE teaching in year 4. In order to close the gaps created by this absence from school and ensure that we teach relevant curriculum content at the most appropriate time,

we will be teaching catch-up RSE (year 4 curriculum) along with the year 5 curriculum during the spring term.

Parents and carers will be informed prior to the start of the topic and will have the opportunity to review the curriculum overview, individual lesson content and resources should they wish to do so.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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