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Dear Parents and Carers

As a part of your child's education at Kineton High School, we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education programme. This subject has recently been rebranded to fit in line with our Multi Academy Trust and starting this year will now be called Character and Culture. Character and Culture 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.

I am writing to let you know that, throughout their time here at Kineton, your child will be participating in lessons which will focus on the Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) aspect of this programme. RSE lessons are taught throughout year's 7-13 and will include age appropriate teaching about: Healthy relationships, including friendships and intimate relationships; families; growing and changes to the body, including puberty; personal hygiene; changing feelings; becoming more independent; keeping safe and consent; developing self-esteem and self-confidence. Pupils will also have opportunities to ask questions that help prepare them for relationships of all kinds in the modern world.

Character and Culture is taught throughout the school in every year group and is monitored and reviewed regularly by the staff and as well as our governing body. Please visit the school's website <https://kinetonhighschool.org.uk/curriculum/subjects> and click on the Character and Culture link at the bottom of the page for more detail about our new curriculum. All teaching will take place in a safe learning environment which is underpinned by our school ethos and values.

The new statutory guidance for the teaching of RSE and Health Education came into effect for all secondary schools from September 2020. You can find more information about this government guidance by following this link <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education>. This new guidance states that parents will not be able to withdraw their child from any aspect of Relationships or Health Education. Parents will however be able to withdraw their child (following discussion with the school) from any or all aspects of Sex Education (other than those topics which are part of the science curriculum).

We would also like to invite you to an online virtual parent information meeting which will be made available via our school website from Thursday 1st October 2020. This video will allow you to find out more about what your child will be learning, view example materials and resources being used in lessons and discover how you can best support your child to discuss these topics at home.

As a school community, we are committed to working in partnership with parents; and we anticipate that the overwhelming majority of parents will continue to be highly supportive of the new relationships and sex education programme. If you would like to find out more or discuss any concerns regarding the information highlighted above, please do not hesitate to get in contact using the email below.

Yours sincerely

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