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Dear Parents and Carers

Consultation on Changes to the Relationships and Sex Education Curriculum

We are proposing changes to our Relationships Health and Sex Education Policy as would like to change from our current sex education curriculum to follow the Kapow Primary lessons for Sex Education. It is a legal requirement for schools to consult with parents, carers, staff and governors to provide a general consensus to the content and approach.

Our draft Relationships Health and Sex Education (RHSE) Policy sets out:

- How relationships education is delivered at Cononley Primary School and
- What sex education our school chooses to cover that goes beyond the national curriculum for Science and Relationships Education.

Sex education is not compulsory in primary schools, however:

- The curriculum for Relationships and Health Education (part of our Personal Social Health and Economic education curriculum) includes content on puberty.
- The national curriculum for Science includes subject content in related areas, such as the main external body parts; the human body as it grows from birth to old age (including puberty); and reproduction in some plants and animals.

At Cononley Primary School, pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 are taught about puberty as part of Relationships and Health Education and Science. Parents **are not** be able to withdraw their children from Relationships and Health Education or Science in primary school.

At Cononley Primary School, the content of our Sex Education curriculum addresses conception, pregnancy and birth. It is only taught to Year 6 pupils. Parents **are able** to withdraw their child from primary school classes which address Sex Education.

Consultation Process:

Cononley Primary School will be starting their consultation process on Wednesday 3 May 2023. As part of the consultation, the draft policy and draft curriculum will be published on the website. Paper copies can be requested from the school office: admin@cononley.n-yorks.sch.uk.

Parents, staff and governors are also invited to a meeting on Wednesday 10 May 2023 at 5.30pm to see the video resources that we are proposing to use in Sex Education lessons about conception, pregnancy and birth. If you are unable to attend this meeting, Kapow have allowed us to make a recording of the meeting and the link will be made available on request. Parents/carers will be informed how to request a link after the meeting on 10 May.

In order to provide your feedback to this consultation, we will provide a link to an online questionnaire following the meeting on Wednesday 10 May. The consultation will close on Wednesday 7 June 2023.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Pickles

Headteacher