



**PEMBROKE**  
A PRIORY ACADEMY

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020

### **RE: Relationships and Sex Education**

Dear Parent/Carer

You will be aware that, as a part of your child's curriculum at Priory Pembroke, we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive taught programme of Personal, Social, Health, Moral, Religious and Economic (PSHMRE) education. The PSHMRE curriculum gives children and young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, productive and fulfilled lives, both now and in the future and fully support our objectives of improving life chances and creating citizens of the world. These lessons are delivered through the normal timetabled lessons.

You may also be aware that from September 2020 the Department for Education (DfE) has made Relationships Sex Education and Health Education (RSE) compulsory in all secondary schools. Our PSHMRE curriculum already covers much of the national curriculum guidance from the DfE on RSE. As part of the introduction of the compulsory RSE we are required to consult with parents on the content covered. I would like to highlight the topics taught, and make you aware of the RSE Policy which can be found on the Pembroke Academy website in the PSHMRE section under 'Curriculum'.

#### **What does the new guidance mean?**

The new guidance focuses on healthy relationships and keeping children safe in the modern world. It also covers a wide range of topics relating to physical and mental health, wellbeing, safeguarding and healthy relationships.

Learning about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up, it will give children and young people the information, skills and positive values to have safe, fulfilling relationships and will help them take responsibility for their own well-being.

#### **How will this be delivered?**

All of the lessons and topics taught will be age-appropriate and meet the needs of all pupils in the class. Our PSHMRE curriculum is monitored and reviewed regularly by the staff and governing body. It is well planned to cover a full range of topics, but we are flexible in altering the lessons and topics to meet emerging needs of our students.

All teaching of PSHMRE takes place in a safe learning environment underpinned by our school ethos and values. A variety of opportunities are provided for pupils to ask questions to further their understanding and to find out more about what affects them personally.

#### **What if I have questions?**

As a school community, we are committed to working with parents. Questions on the delivery of RSE are welcomed from all parents. Please take time to digest the topics covered by viewing the Pembroke website. There is also guidance and answers to frequently asked questions available from the DfE at [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk). Search for "Relationships and Sex Education" or follow the link from the Pembroke website. Please feel free to contact

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Mr Bibby if you would like to arrange a phone conversation to discuss any concerns or queries you have as part of the parent consultation period, which ends on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

Kind regards,

*N. Bibby*

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