

Principal: Delia Smith OBE



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As a part of your child's education at Ark Academy we promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive PSHE [Personal, Social & Health Education] curriculum. This subject area gives young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live safe, healthy, productive lives and meet their full potential.

The Department for Education has announced changes to relationships and sex education (RSE), which is part of our PSHE program of study. These changes will come into full effect from the September 2021.

At Ark Academy we have been teaching PSHE for 10 years now, ahead of many schools across the country. We are delighted that the government has now made 'Relationship & Sex Education [RSE] statutory. Our initial curriculum audit has highlighted the strength of our PSHE curriculum which already covered much of the new statutory content.

We will be reviewing our RSE curriculum and policy, so we can be sure our provision is appropriate for our students.

RSE is taught through our wider PSHE curriculum to every year group and is monitored and reviewed regularly by the staff and governing body. All teaching takes place in a safe learning environment and is underpinned by our school ethos and values.

As a school community, we are committed to working in partnership with parents and all stakeholders within it and as such we need your feedback to help us do this.

We would like to invite you:

- To take the opportunity to view our draft policy and curriculum map
- Complete a questionnaire in order for your feedback to be captured

This information can be accessed on our website through the following link:

[RSE Parental Consultation Process](#)

Yours sincerely,

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