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RELATIONSHIPS, SEX AND HEALTH EDUCATION

ANNEX IN RESPONSE TO COVID

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Consultation History

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Introduction

Relationships, Sex and Health Education at the Ridgeway School aims to support young people through their physical, emotional and moral development from childhood to adolescence and into adulthood. We believe that Relationships, Sex and Health Education is an essential part of a broad and balanced curriculum. It is delivered to all students in accordance with the school's Equal Opportunities Policy and the requirements of the recent Government guidance (Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education, and Health Education (England) Regulations 2019).

It has been approved following consultation with relevant Heads of Department (Science, Religious Studies, ICT/Computing, Child Development and PE) as well as students, parents, governors and staff involved in teaching Sex and Relationships.

Purpose

Current year 7 students missed significant content from their year 6 curriculum due to national lock down. As a school, we feel it essential to remove these gaps through timely teaching of RSE content in line with and in addition to our current RSE curriculum.

Modifications to the RSE Curriculum 2020-2021:

COVID and lockdowns have seen the teaching of RSE have to be adapted. Below are changes being made in light of different circumstances and suitability of teaching sensitive topics during the pandemic:

- Only content deemed appropriate to be taught remotely will continue via live lessons and the VLE.
- Due to the impact of Covid-19 on primary teachers' ability to teach RSE to Y6 pupils in the academic year 2019-2020, modifications and adjustments to the Y7 RSE Curriculum 2020-2021 have been made to ensure that all students are taught missed content from last year. This includes teaching the 'Changing adolescent body' topic through face to face lessons in school via the Science Curriculum. The Subject Leader of PSHE liaised with the Faculty Leader of Science to plan a series of lessons on the key facts about puberty and the changing adolescent body, including physical and emotional changes.
- Plans and actions are being continually reviewed in light of new guidance to ensure students have received all RSE content during their time at The Ridgeway. This will include (when appropriate and safe to do so) Immersion days, mentoring and timetabled RSE lessons.

