Monday 8th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Government have brought out new statutory guidance regarding what is taught in school called Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education. This guidance complements the formal academic National Curriculum.

Schools are required to begin teaching this part of the curriculum from Summer 2021.

The guidance focuses primarily on the personal development of children during their primary years which is something that we already place great importance on at Woodlands.

Many aspects of this guidance are taught through formal lessons and in different subjects. However, the school vision and school culture prioritises the importance of developing positive personal relationships, exploring personal values and developing character with an emphasis on emotional wellbeing. This is epitomised in our school vision – The Woodlands Smile Tree.

The core of the guidance is taught through the published scheme Jigsaw, taught in weekly Personal, Social and Health Education lessons in every year group. Other aspects of the guidance are taught in strands of subjects across the curriculum, such as science, design and technology and physical education.

We have mapped this guidance across the Woodlands curriculum and summarised what is taught and when within a policy.

The draft Woodlands policy for Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education is on the school website in the polices section. The policy details how we teach this guidance and what is specifically taught in each year group.

We would welcome any feedback from parents regarding this policy. This could be emailed to postbox@woodlands.walsall.sch with the email heading of RSHE, or feedback could be placed in the suggestion box in the foyer.

Yours sincerely,

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