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## Relationship and Sex Education

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will be aware that, as a part of your child's educational experience at Eastway Primary School, we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive taught programme of Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education that gives children the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, productive and fulfilled lives, both now and in the future. This is embedded in everything that we do at Eastway and forms our curriculum belief, Bringing Learning to Life.

As you may be aware, from September 2020 the Department for Education is making Relationships and Health Education (Primary) and Relationships Sex Education and Health Education compulsory in all schools. Along with other schools we have been gradually introducing some of the changes through the programme that we currently teach.

### 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 the information, skills and positive values to have safe, fulfilling relationships and will help them take responsibility for their own well-being.

All of the sessions will be age-appropriate and meet the needs of all pupils in the class.

### How will this be delivered?

This guidance will form part of our school's PSHE education programme which is taught throughout the school in every year group and is monitored and reviewed regularly by the staff and governing body.

For more detail about our PSHE curriculum offer, please visit the school's website: [https://eastway.eschools.co.uk/website/eastway\\_curriculum/315411](https://eastway.eschools.co.uk/website/eastway_curriculum/315411). All teaching in PSHE will take place in a safe learning environment and be underpinned by our school ethos and values. A variety of opportunities will be 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?

To introduce parents to this concept and to ensure everyone is informed, we were planning to hold a parent/ carer information meeting to find out more about what your child will learn, view the materials and resources being used in lessons and discover how you can best support your

child to discuss these topics at home. Unfortunately, during the current climate, this will not be able to take place. We would still be very interested to hear your thoughts, opinions and answer any questions that you may have. Our new PSHE Curriculum, which includes how Relationship and Sex Education will be taught in each year group will be published on the school website on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

As a school community, we continue to be committed to working with parents and carers. Recent feedback from parents has indicated the overwhelming majority continue to be highly supportive of the school and the curriculum that it delivers particularly in developing skills for life and the wider curriculum.

If you would like to find out more please contact [schooloffice@eastway.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@eastway.wirral.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely,

Ms Robinson- Subject Lead for PSHE and RSE

Mrs Morris, Headteacher and the Governors of Eastway.

The guidance for schools can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education>.