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Dear Parent/Carer,

Statutory 'Relationship, Sex and Health Education'

From September 2020 it will become compulsory for all schools to deliver a new statutory curriculum. Schools must provide age appropriate lessons that will enable pupils to make informed decisions about their wellbeing, health and relationships and to build their self-efficacy in making decisions about risks, challenges and complex situations. It is a safeguarding curriculum that builds pupils' resilience, skills and confidence to access support when needed. The Church of England and Trinity, welcomes this development as it supports our faith vision that; "A good education must promote life in all its fullness." Church of England Vision for Education (2016)

At Trinity, Relationship, Sex and Health Education is rooted in Christian values and reflects the diverse and inclusive nature of our school and Diocese.

The curriculum is required to: Promote the spiritual, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils at the school and society. Prepare such pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life.

Education Reform Act – 1988

In secondary schools, the new curriculum guidance outlines a fully inclusive programme that will be delivered across all year groups. It covers the themes: families, respectful relationships including friendships, online and media, being safe, intimate and sexual relationships including sexual health, mental wellbeing, internet safety and harms, physical health and fitness, healthy eating, drugs, alcohol and tobacco, health and prevention, basic first aid and changing adolescent body. This will now form a central part of our wider PSHE curriculum.

"For church schools, RSE is about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up, healthy relationships, sex, human sexuality and sexual health. It is also about the spiritual and moral aspects of relationships within the context of a Christian vision for the purpose of life."

Church of England Education Office Response to Call for Evidence on RSE Curriculum

As a school community we are committed to working in partnership with parents and carers. Over the next weeks and months we will be consulting with parents and carers about how we can best ensure that our children receive the statutory education they need and deserve. The new guidance for schools can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education> Details of our current PSHE curriculum can be found on the Trinity website in the curriculum area: <https://www.trinitylewisham.org/page/?title=Personal+Development&pid=237>

To begin our consultation about the new curriculum and to highlight the essential role that that parents have as educators in these subjects, please email your response to the curriculum and policy to our consultation page at the following: consultation@trinity.lewisham.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

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