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Dear parents and carers,

As a part of your child's educational experience at RCPS, we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive taught programme of Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education, that gives our children the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, productive and fulfilled lives, both now and in the future.

From September 2020, the Department for Education planned to make relationships and sex education and health education compulsory in all schools. This has been deferred due to the disruption caused by the pandemic, but it is still something that we need to have in place by the end of this academic year.

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 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.

We are using a scheme called 'Jigsaw' to enable us to deliver age-appropriate lessons and to meet the needs of all pupils in each 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 governors.

Why are you telling me this?

Schools are required to consult with parents about their approach delivering the statutory elements of PSHE. Therefore, I have attached our new PSHE policy for you to review. I have also attached a message from the Secretary of Stae for Education and some additional guidance from the DfE.

As a school community, we are committed to working with parents. If you would like to find out more, make any comments or provide feedback on this draft policy, please email me (headteacher@riccall.n-yorks.sch.uk). Alternatively, please provide your comments in an envelope for the attention of Mr Styles. The closing date for feedback is Friday 18th December 2020.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Nick Styles Headteacher













