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Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Parent consultation Meeting

As part of your child's education at Hackney New School, we promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive Personal, Health, Social and Citizenship Education (PHSCE) programme. PHSCE education is the curriculum subject that gives young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live safe, healthy and productive lives.

I am writing to inform you that, from summer 2021, all children in secondary education will also have delivered to them Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), which will become a mandatory feature of PHSCE lessons given the new guidance by the DfE (Department for Education).

Aspects of this programme will include content such as: healthy relationships, including friendships and intimate relationships, puberty, personal hygiene, consent and FGM. The purpose of this programme is to aid students to become more independent; to keep safe and develop their self-esteem and confidence. All topics listed by the DfE are ultimately to ensure the safety of our young people and to ensure they are well informed of possibilities and choices in their lives. Pupils will also have opportunities to ask questions that help prepare them for the modern world. Please see [here](#) to view the full statutory guidance by the DfE.

As a school community, we are committed to working in partnership with parents and would like to ensure all our parents and carers are well informed of the new changes. We would therefore like to invite you to attend a parent information meeting on **Wednesday 9th December 2020 at 17.30pm-18.15pm** to find out more about what your child will learn, view the resources that will be used in lessons, and discover how you can best support your child to discuss these topics at home.

If you would like to find out more or discuss any concerns, we would encourage you to attend the information meeting; we look forward to seeing you there. Please can you complete this quick [google form](#) by Friday 4th December to indicate whether you will or will not be attending .

Yours sincerely,

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