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Dear Parent/Carer

As you may already be aware, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) is now a compulsory part of our Personal Social Health and Economic Education curriculum.

As part of our school's wider PSHE programme, your child will receive lessons or workshops on relationships, sexual health and personal safety at an age appropriate level. More details on the topics we cover can be found on the CMAT website on the PSHE Curriculum Map. This can be accessed via this link: <https://www.cmatrust.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/CMAT-Lifeskills-2019-2020-Curriculum-Map.pdf>

The purpose of our RSE curriculum is to provide knowledge and understanding of safe and healthy relationships based on respect. This is to encourage the development of safe and healthy relationships throughout life. The subject is designed to help children from all backgrounds build positive and safe relationships.

You have a right to withdraw your child from the 'sex education' element of RSE, which, unless there are exceptional circumstances, will be granted up to three school terms before your child turns 16. At this point, if your child themselves wishes, we will make arrangements for sex education to happen before your child turns 16 - the legal age of sexual consent. Requests for withdrawal should be made to the Principal using the form at the end of the RSE policy which is available on the CMAT website, accessed here: <https://www.cmatrust.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/CMAT-Sex-and-Relationship-Education-policy-from-2020.pdf>

There is no right to withdraw from Relationships Education at secondary level and we believe the content of these subjects – such as family, friendship, safety (including online safety) – are important for all children to be taught. However, we are confident you will share our enthusiasm for the successful implementation of our PSHE curriculum, which we feel will benefit all our students.

You are welcome to contact me via email lyoung@elycollege.co.uk should you wish to discuss the programme further.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Louise Young'.

Mrs L Young
PSHE Co-ordinator

