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Dear Parents and Carers

As you may already be aware, the Department for Education has announced changes to Relationships and Sex education following a nationwide consultation. These changes have been delayed due to the pandemic, but come into effect from next term

The new guidance focusses on the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up, healthy relationships and keeping safe.

I would like to invite you all to a meeting so that you can share your views about what we are planning to teach here, at Sir Francis Drake.

It is important to us to hear your views, so that together we can structure the learning for our pupils.

The meeting will be held via Zoom on Wednesday 24th March at 4pm. (This link has also been in the newsletter for the last two weeks)

https://zoom.us/j/96719144924?pwd=UGoxWmJ5NkRVUE5xUFITVXd5eFB4QT09

During the meeting there will be a chance to look at our curriculum plan and policy and discuss some of the reasons why we believe that teaching these things are fundamental to our children's development.

We will be using a structured programme called Jigsaw, which has been put together by a former teacher, PSHE advisor and counsellor.

If you are interested in reading up about this programme in advance of our meeting all the documents are available on our website: http://www.sirfrancisdrake.org.uk/Relationships-education-parental-consultation
You will also find a draft of our policy and other links you may find helpful.

I have posted a survey on our website so parents have the chance to submit their views to us, so we can shape our policy carefully. This is open to all parents, regardless of whether you came to the meeting. You can access it here:
https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SFDRSE

The survey focuses on the following questions:

- Do you think the draft policy meets the needs of your child?

- Is there anything that we are not covering in our new curriculum that you feel we need to address within RSE?
- As a parent, do you feel you need more information or guidance on specific topics?
- Do you have any questions, comments or concerns about our new draft policy?
- Is there anything else we can do, as a school to help you in talking to your child about relationships and sex?

If you are unable to make the meeting but would like to speak to me about our policy, please call or email the office to make an appointment.

Following the meeting, I will post the powerpoint presentation on the website so that it is available to everyone.

It is really important that we all work together to ensure our children receive the best quality education and life chances we can give them.

I look forward to seeing you at our zoom consultation and I am only sorry we can not yet do this in person, as I had hoped.

Karen Cartwright
Headteacher