

16<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear parents/carers, staff and governors,

At Ark Blake Academy we believe in teaching pupils about healthy relationships with friends and family, developing a good understanding of what healthy future relationships can look like.

We work hard to ensure all our pupils are taught how to be healthy and safe in their lives and the choices they make; this includes recognising and forming positive life sustaining relationships with others, both in the real and virtual world.

The Department for Education introduced compulsory Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) for secondary students from September 2020, in addition to compulsory Health Education. Ark Blake has met these requirements from opening and provision was approved by Ark and during a pre-opening Ofsted Inspection.

We invite you to be part of our consultation process regarding updates to our Relationship and Sex Education (R.S.E.) curriculum for first teaching from April 2022.

As part of implementing their RSE curriculum, schools must consult with the pupils, parents, staff and governors to ensure there is a general consensus on our approaches to policy and the curriculum content.

Effective engagement gives the space and time for parents to input, ask questions, share concerns and inform the planning of our RSE provision withing the Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE) programme. This is delivered by form tutors as part of our Character Programme and through approved visiting speakers on specialist matters.

**Ark Blake Academy will be starting the consultation process on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021. The consultation will close on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

As part of this consultation, parents, staff and governors, are asked to read through the attached draft update of our 2021-22 RSE Policy (also on the website) and offer feedback or request further information using the survey. Please use the link to the survey:

<https://forms.office.com/r/7kK4uLPkLW>

It is planned that this consultation will be held regularly to keep the RSE Policy as up-to-date and relevant as possible.

If you wish to carry out further reading around RSE. The attached DFE Guidance document written for parents and carers may be of interest to you.

Thank you for your support and assistance in this matter.

Kind regards,



Mr Shaw  
**Peter Shaw | Principal | Ark Blake Academy**