



# Parbold Douglas

CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023

## **PARENT CONSULTATION: UPDATES TO RELATIONSHIPS AND SEX EDUCATION (RSE) POLICY**

Dear Parents,

As part of your child's education at Parbold Douglas, we deliver a comprehensive Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) programme. PSHE education gives children the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live safe, healthy, productive lives.

An important, statutory part of PSHE in all primary schools is Relationships Education. This focuses on teaching the fundamental building blocks and characteristics of positive relationships, with particular reference to friendships and family relationships. The Department for Education also recommends that primary schools deliver a sex education programme tailored to the age and the physical and emotional maturity of pupils (although this is not compulsory).

At Parbold Douglas, we have a Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Policy. This policy provides clarity for parents, staff and governors by:

- Outlining what will be taught to children within the Relationships Education/RSE curriculum.
- Setting out the procedure for withdrawal from sex education.

The policy has been developed using guidance and resources from the Department for Education, the PSHE Association, and the Church of England Education Office.

### **Parent consultation**

Every two years, our RSE Policy is reviewed in full and, as part of this process, the views of staff, governors and parents are taken into account.

Having drafted some updates to the policy (with input from all members of staff and the full governing board), we are now seeking the views of parents. The updates provide further clarity around the topics that will (and will not) be taught and discussed within lessons.

A copy of the draft policy will be circulated via ParentApp (following soon after this letter) and can be found on the school website: <https://www.pda.lancs.sch.uk/rse/>

If you wish to send in comments for consideration by the senior leadership team and governing board, please send an email to [head@pda.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@pda.lancs.sch.uk) with the words 'RSE Parent Consultation' in the subject line. The two-week consultation closes at **8am** on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023**.

### **Further information**

To help answer questions that parents may have, the Department for Education has published these FAQs: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education-faqs>

There are also some parent guides that you may find helpful:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-sex-and-health-education-guides-for-schools>

For further information about PSHE (including RSE) at Parbold Douglas, please contact Mr Coxhead.

Thank you for taking the time to read the policy. We are committed to working positively in partnership with parents to ensure that all aspects of our PSHE programme are effective and appropriate.

With best wishes,

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