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Dear Parents and Carers,

Consultation: Relationships Education Policy and optional Year 6 sex education

At Weeton St Michael's C of E Primary School, we want all children to be happy, healthy and safe, and to develop caring, respectful relationships. Our teaching is guided by our Christian values of Happiness, Empathy, Achieve, Respect and Trust.

We use Coram SCARF for PSHE throughout Reception to Year 6. Relationships Education, Health Education and relevant National Curriculum Science are statutory and will continue to be taught at appropriate stages across the school. This includes learning about friendships and families, personal safety, puberty, healthy bodies and keeping safe online.

We are now asking for your views on our draft Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Policy. In particular, we have not yet decided whether to include an additional, non-statutory Year 6 lesson in the summer term on human conception, pregnancy and birth. This would include a simple, factual explanation of sexual intercourse as a way a baby may be conceived, and reference to IVF. If approved, class teachers would deliver it using carefully reviewed SCARF materials.

The additional lesson is not compulsory for primary schools, although the Department for Education recommends that schools offer age-appropriate sex education in Year 5 and/or Year 6. Parents can request withdrawal from additional sex education if it is introduced; they cannot withdraw their child from statutory Relationships Education, Health Education or National Curriculum Science.

We would welcome your views on the draft policy, the planned statutory provision and the optional Year 6 proposal. The consultation will inform the final decision, which will be made by the school and Governing Body. It is not a vote on whether statutory topics should be taught.

Please complete our Microsoft Forms questionnaire: RSE Parent Consultation – Fill in form

Consultation closes: *9th November 2026*

The draft policy and curriculum summary are enclosed. Please contact me via the school office if you would like to see the lesson materials, ask questions, discuss the proposals or respond in another format. We will consider all feedback before publishing an approved policy.

Thank you for working with us to ensure our curriculum supports every child to grow safely and confidently.

Yours sincerely,
Luke Smith

Headteacher