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Dear Parents / Carers,

Over the last year, we have been preparing for the implementation of the new PSHE (Personal Social and Health Education) guidance which was due to become statutory from September 2020. Due to the closure of schools, full implementation is now statutory from Summer 2021. As a school, we have been teaching many aspects of the guidance for many years but there are changes which all parents should be aware of.

Sex education has not been made compulsory in primary schools, though the Department for Education continues to recommend that all primary schools should have a sex education programme tailored to the age and the physical and emotional maturity of the pupils.

Part of the implementation process is that we hold a consultation with you, our parents and carers. This was going to be via a meeting for parents last summer. Again, because of the school's closure, this could not take place.

As we are currently unable to have meetings at school, our consultation will take place in three stages:

1. The draft policy for RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) is attached for you to read. This includes the long-term plan for PSHE teaching for the whole school.
2. Should you have any questions or comments to make about the draft policy, please email them to office@cove-jun.hants.sch.uk
3. There will be a virtual meeting for parents on **Monday 28th September between 5:30-6:30pm**. During this meeting, any questions and comments will be answered. There will also be an opportunity for further thoughts to be shared.

Some of the resources which we will be using with the children will also be shared. These will primarily be from a new on-line resource which we have subscribed to called 1decision <https://www.1decision.co.uk/>

In order to join the meeting, parents should click on this invitation link:

[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

A summary of the questions and points raised will be circulated to all parents after the virtual meeting as soon as they have been collated.

We look forward to hearing from you so that your opinions can be considered before our policy is finalised. This process will also include a consultation with the Governing Body.

Kind regards

Tracey Hickie (Headteacher)

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