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PSHE Curriculum (including Relationships education)

Dear Parents/Carers,

As a part of your child's education, we promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education programme. PSHE education is the curriculum subject that gives children the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live safe, healthy, productive lives and meet their full potential. All PSHE teaching takes place in a safe learning environment and is underpinned by our school ethos and values.

Relationships Education

As part of this subject area, we have been developing a policy and scheme of work to reflect the new statutory learning objectives for 'Relationships and health' within our school. In June 2020 we began this process and introduced a draft policy, as well as a parent survey to gain feedback and views on this new area of the curriculum. I would like to say a huge thank you for your responses, as they have been incredibly helpful in further shaping our PSHE curriculum in school. Due to the Covid pandemic, the Government delayed the commencement of this and announced that the Relationships Curriculum is now statutory start of the Summer term 2021; we have taken this time to ensure that we will be delivering what is right for our children at Vernon.

The Government guidelines outline the following main topics to be covered by the end of primary school.

- Families and people who care for me
- Caring friendships
- Respectful relationships
- Online relationships
- Being safe

Further information can be found using the weblinks below:

[Government Guidelines](#)

[Government's Guide for Parents](#)

School Survey

Thank you again for responding to the survey and giving your views on this topic, which were overwhelming positive. In response to specific comments within the survey, I would like to reassure you that the following areas will be covered in detail within our revised PSHE Curriculum (including the new Relationships objectives):

- Diversity and embracing differences
- Different types of families, including separation of parents
- Inclusivity
- Positive body image
- Consent and permission in different situations
- Internet safety and media awareness
- Economic wellbeing
- Trust and positive friendships



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I would also like to assure you that our Religious Education curriculum continues to be taught throughout the school and will sit alongside the newly developed PSHE curriculum, ensuring that both secular and multi-faith views are represented as part of the school curriculum.

Sex Education

Although Sex education is still optional in primary schools, in line with DfE guidance we will continue to deliver a sex education programme specifically for our Year 6 children. Parents will be able to withdraw their child from this aspect of the curriculum and more information about this will be available during your child's final year at school.

PSHE Association Scheme of Work

At Vernon, we will be basing our revised PSHE Curriculum around the schemes available from the [PSHE Association](#). This is a high quality planning and curriculum delivery resource that we feel fits the ethos and philosophy of our school. We will also be drawing on a number of other high-quality resources and teaching tools to deliver our PSHE curriculum throughout the school. This will include cross-curricular approaches, adapted according to our bespoke Vernon Curriculum, to ensure that pupils' wellbeing threads throughout our teaching at Vernon, especially in light of current circumstances globally and across the community. As you know from our Relationships and Sex Education Policy, this is divided into three Core Themes (Health and Wellbeing; Relationships; Living in the Wider World). Each theme outlines the statutory learning opportunities.

Many of you requested further information about our revised PSHE Curriculum and I am delighted to say that we are now in a position to share the scheme of work with you. I have attached our PSHE Long term plan for Key Stages 1 and 2 (these themes will also be outlined in our revised curriculum maps) - this gives an overview of all objectives that will be taught for PSHE (which includes Relationships) from Years 1 to 6 and the order in which the learning will be sequenced. This document also includes detailed medium term planning for each year group, which gives you a clear outline of curriculum content and coverage.

This information, as well as our RSE policy, can also be found on our PSHE Curriculum page on our school website: <http://www.vernonprimaryschool.com/page/personal-development/63770>

Early Years Foundation Stage

We haven't included the early years foundation stage (EYFS) within the Programme of Study above as PSHE education is not a discrete curriculum subject within the statutory EYFS framework. However, EYFS is still a wonderful place to start exploring the foundations of PSHE education. The EYFS statutory framework areas of Personal, Social and Emotional development, and Understanding the World, have close links to the PSHE education Programme of Study. Learning and development opportunities for these areas, as well as Communication and language, are interwoven within the pupils' experience through daily EYFS play-based activities, role-play areas, quality children's fiction and reflective discussion to begin to build pupils' knowledge and understanding, skills, attitudes and attributes related to PSHE elements of education.

Your thoughts and views are an important part of the process and have played a vital part in shaping the teaching and learning of this updated curriculum area across the school. I would therefore like to thank you for your support in reshaping our PSHE Curriculum at Vernon and we are looking forward to continuing to delivering a high quality learning experience for all children.

Yours faithfully

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