

2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents

**Re: Relationship and Sex Education Consultation**

As you are probably aware, from September 2020, there is new government guidance for all schools to follow on the teaching of health and relationships.

The guidance states, "The focus in primary school should be on teaching the fundamental building blocks and characteristics of positive relationships, with particular reference to friendships, family relationships, and [their] relationships with other children and with adults." This is very similar to what we have always taught at Dixons.

The only changes for us as a Trust when introducing the new guidance are:

- more teaching about mental health and how to ensure our students have good mental health
- more teaching about students' relationships with technology including screen time and social media
- more teaching about positive self-image and understanding how the media and online images often use Photoshop or editing materials

As professionals, we particularly welcome the new emphasis on positive mental health given the rising concern of growing issues among young people.

All Dixons primary schools are using the attached trust-wide policy. Dixons Manningham's proposed curriculum overview is also attached for you to look at.

We welcome your feedback on the documentation. You can do this by e-mailing [DMNConsultation@dixonsmn.com](mailto:DMNConsultation@dixonsmn.com) by 16<sup>th</sup> October.

You can also make an appointment to discuss the policy with a member of the Senior Leadership Team, please call the Office to book a telephone appointment.

I am sure that all our families will be supportive of our new policy and curriculum which we have been carefully considering and planning for over a year now and we look forward to your feedback.

Kind Regards



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