



Dear Parent/Carer,

## **Department for Education (DfE) statutory requirements for Relationships and Health Education**

From September 2020, schools will have to teach Relationships and Health Education. Due to Covid -19, this has been extended to the Summer Term 2021.

You can read about these changes in this DfE guide for parents here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-sex-and-health-education-guides-for-schools> The DfE also strongly encourages primary schools to deliver sex education to help prepare children for their transition to secondary school.

The new guidance forms part of our wider Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) which is already taught throughout the school. All teaching takes place in a safe learning environment and is underpinned by our school ethos and values. The statutory guidance is simply about ensuring that **all** children get the information they need and want. The lessons will help children to learn about their bodies including the changes that take place at puberty, and will help keep them safe, so they can form healthy relationships (friendships) with others, now and in the future.

At Danson we are using the leading children's health and wellbeing charity, Coram Life Education (CLE) to support us in meeting these legal requirements. We do this in a two ways:

- A visit from a trained educator who will deliver aspects of the Relationships Education and Health Education programme
- Using Coram Life Education's online SCARF teaching resources.

More information about Coram Life Education and SCARF can be found on their website:

[www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk](http://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk)

We recognise that parents play a vital part in their child's RSE. As a school community, we are committed to working in partnership with parents and all stakeholders and we would invite you to engage in a process of information sharing and gathering around the proposed changes to the R.S.E. curriculum. We will write to you next week outlining the invitation to partake in:

- The opportunity to view our draft RSE policy
- To view a whole school curriculum overview for PSHE/RSE

- Complete a short survey in order for your thoughts to be captured.

We will also be offering you the opportunity to join a virtual meeting in the summer term, which will share more information about what your child will be taught, show examples of resources used and answer any questions from the initial parent survey.

Yours sincerely