



Inspiring Learning For A Positive Future



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Dear Parents & Carers

### Relationships & Health Education

We want all children to grow up healthy, happy, safe and able to manage the challenges and opportunities of modern Britain. That is why, from September 2020, all primary age children will be taught Relationships and Health Education. These subjects are designed to equip your child with the knowledge to make informed decisions about their wellbeing, health and relationships, as well as preparing them for a successful adult life. The world for all young people looks very different from the way it did 20 years ago when this curriculum was last updated. These changes bring the content into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and is relevant for your child.

Diamond Wood Community Academy will deliver the content in a way that is age and developmentally appropriate and sensitive to the needs and religious backgrounds of our pupils.

Relationships education will put in place the building blocks needed for positive and safe relationships, including with family, friends and online. Your child will be taught what a relationship is, what friendship is, what family means and who can support them. We will cover how we treat each other with kindness, consideration and respect in an age-appropriate way.

You cannot withdraw your child from Relationships Education. It is important that all children receive this content, as it covers topics such as friendships and how to stay safe. You can express your opinion, and this will help your child's school decide how and when to cover the content of the statutory guidance. It may also help them decide whether to teach additional, non-statutory content. As a school, we are required to ensure the teaching reflects the age and religious background of our pupils.

There will be a meeting at a later date to discuss the importance of Relationships and Health Education, share the content of the curriculum and give you the opportunity to voice any concerns.

Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Kind regards,  
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