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Dear Parents and Carers,

Health and Relationships Education Policy - Consultation

Welcome back, I hope you have had a great half term break.

Following on from the Parent Working Group, the policy for HRE has now been written and published on the school website. Thank you for the responses and feedback through the online surveys, which I have incorporated into this final document. The link to the policy is:

<https://lowerplace.net/hre/>

The key points to note are as follows:

- As from September 2020, in line with Government policy, parents/carers will not be allowed to withdraw their child from the 'Relationships', 'Puberty' and 'Reproduction' elements of the National Curriculum. Through the work we have been doing with our Parent Working Group, we feel we have designed a curriculum that will suit the views and beliefs of all our families. On this basis, we hope that parents/carers will be happy with Lowerplace's delivery of these aspects of the curriculum.
- As detailed in this policy, this year parents/carers have the right to request that their child is withdrawn from the Puberty session in Year 5 and the Reproduction Sessions in Year 6. Prior to these sessions being taught, Year 5 and 6 parents/carers will be invited in to look at the materials. At these meetings, parents/carers may then withdraw their child for this academic year if they wish. As this curriculum was designed by the Parent Working Group and deemed suitable, it is sincerely hoped that parents/carers will not decide to request that their child is withdrawn.
- The policy will be reviewed in September 2020, by considering the curriculum being delivered and the parent views. The policy review will incorporate the compulsory Department of Education Policy which becomes statutory in September 2020.

I would just like to reinforce that Lowerplace Primary School is committed to work with parents/carers to review the resources used to ensure that they are appropriate.

At the Parents' Evening on 26th November 2019, I will be available in the Kingsway Building Hall throughout the evening for you to ask me any questions, provide me with feedback or to discuss the policy with you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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