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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As a part of your child's education at Maiden Erlegh School in Reading, we promote personal wellbeing and development through our comprehensive PSMSC programme which incorporates both PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic) and SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural) education. We follow the recommendations laid out by the Department for Education and the PSHE Association.

Topics for all students are grouped into 6 core themes:

- Emotional Wellbeing
- Citizen and Community
- Careers, Work Experience and Work Related Learning
- British Values
- Personal Health
- Risk and Safety

Aside from Sex Education (which is predominately delivered by the RE team in Key Stage 3 and 4), these sessions will be delivered by form tutors as part of our pastoral tutor programme and will be relevant to the age, understanding, cultural background and circumstances of the students. They will also reflect their needs in terms of language, learning styles and abilities.

You may be aware that new statutory guidance for the teaching of RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) comes into effect from September 2020. This means that all schools are now required by law to deliver Relationships and Sex Education; until now this was not compulsory. At Maiden Erlegh School in Reading this has not meant any changes for us since we have always recognised the importance of this material and its value in preparing young people for their future lives as adults and parents.

For information on the content of our PSMSC curriculum, please see our website: [PSMSC Overview](#)

To read the government guidance: [Statutory Guidance](#)

Parents will continue to have a right to request to withdraw their child from sex education and we will write to you ahead of delivery of this part of the course.

If you would like further information or to make any comments about the new guidance, complete the feedback form via Microsoft forms here: [Relationships and Sex Education Comments Form](#)

The deadline for comments is Wednesday 20 May 2020.

Yours sincerely,



**Mr A Johnson**  
Headteacher