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Dear Parents and Carers,

Part of the school curriculum is devoted to promoting personal well-being, this is taught through a programme of Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PHSE) education, the aim of this is to give children the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, productive lives, both now and into the future.

As you may well be aware, the Department for Education has announced changes to Relationships and Sex education following a nationwide consultation. These changes came into effect this year and all schools are required to comply with the updated information. The statutory guidance can be found at;

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education>

The new guidance focuses on healthy relationships and keeping children safe in the modern world. It also covers topics relating to physical and mental health, well-being and safeguarding. The children's learning will cover social and physical aspects of growing up, how to stay safe in relationships and how to be responsible and aware of their own well-being. Consequently, from this year Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), along with Health Education, will be statutory and part of the National Curriculum.

Therefore, we have reviewed our RSE policy and looked at ensuring provision is appropriate for children based on their age, physical and emotional maturity, religious and cultural background, special needs and disabilities.

Part of this process is to consult with parents and carers to help us inform our decisions on when and how certain content is covered, and enable us to reach a general consensus. We have a responsibility to teach the full National Curriculum, however, parents and carers have the right to withdraw children from some lessons, this will be done in consultation with the head teacher and will require a written request.

We are currently in challenging times and this has delayed the consultation and made it more difficult than normal. Instead of offering you the opportunity to come into school and talk about these changes I have posted some information about the curriculum on the website which I would encourage you all to read.

Slimbridge Primary School are starting the consultation process on Monday 1st March and this will close on Friday 26th March.

Please see the consultation questions attached. These are also available on the website. Returns can be emailed to [admin@slimbridge.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@slimbridge.gloucs.sch.uk) or handed back to the office. Paper copies are also available from the school office.

Your views are important to us and we will respond to you with the outcome of this process by the end of Term 4. A draft Relationships and Sex Education policy is available on the website and this will be edited and finalised after the consultation.

I hope this letter and the information on the website will explain the changes and if you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Alison Cooke  
Head teacher

# Relationships and Sex Education Consultation.

Consultation period open from Monday 1st March – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March

	Yes	No	Comment
Would you like support at home on how to speak to your child about relationships and sex issues?			
Are there any changes or additions that you think should be made to the RSE policy?			
Are there any changes or additions that you think should be made to the RSE curriculum outline?			
Thinking about relationships and sex education, what do you think is the most important subject area that should be taught for different age groups and why?			
Thinking about relationships and sex education, is there an area that you think should not be taught to different age groups and why?			

This form can be filled in **anonymously**. Alternatively you can fill in some brief details below.

**Name** .....

**Child/ren in Classes** .....

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