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Dear Parents and Carers

In light of upcoming changes to requirements for Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education (RSE), we have been consulting with parents and staff on how we can make sure that our updated RSE curriculum meets the new requirements as well as the needs of our students.

We held a parent consultation in January 2020 and have been consulting with the Governors regarding the Relationships and Sex Education Policy. In particular, we have been looking at the allocation of topics between the curriculum areas of RE, PDC, Science, Computing, Food Technology and PE to ensure good coverage of the curriculum. We also made the decision to extend PDC in to Year 11 to enable all elements of the curriculum to be taught at the most age and stage appropriate time.

We had hoped to extend the formal consultation to students during this term but as we have not been able to do this, we have used the reflection activities students undertake in PDC lessons to inform our planning. We will include the views of students in our review process next academic year.

Although the DfE have said that schools can delay the implementation of the curriculum to the summer term 2021, we are in a position to begin delivery as soon as the timetable permits as we already teach a considerable amount of this content, as detailed in the current Education for Personal Relationships Policy June 2018.

We have worked hard to make sure that our updated curriculum reflects:

- The teachings of the Catholic Church
- Our pupils' age and maturity levels, as well as their cultural and religious backgrounds
- Every pupil's learning needs
- What pupils need to know to be healthy and safe in school, in their personal relationships and in the wider world

We have now updated our RSE Policy to include the proposed new curriculum and we would therefore like your feedback on this policy and the proposed curriculum (Appendix A and B of the policy).

All relevant documentation can be found on the website

<https://www.oaklandscatholicschool.org/parents/relationshipsandsexeducation/>

Once you have read the documentation, the policy and the curriculum Appendix A and B, we would appreciate parents completing an online survey, by clicking on the link below:

[Survey](#)

The deadline for responding to the consultation is **6.00pm on 4th September 2020**. We will then communicate with you regarding the outcomes and any further steps required as part of the consultation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JULIE Oldroyd". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

Mrs J Oldroyd
Deputy Head