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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to those that participated in the 'Wave 2: School Consultations' aspect of Redbridge's Relationships, Sex and Health Education consultation. Please note that Redbridge's consultation is now closed and can no longer be changed.

Please find the outcomes of the school consultation below. These will also be published on the school website.

RSHE parent consultation outcomes

Sample RSHE resources have been available on our website since 18th May 2021. We completed our parent consultation between the 11th and 23rd June. Written and electronic correspondence has gone out to parents inviting them to view the resources and take part in the consultation. The deadline for this has now closed.

Outcomes of Wave 2 parent's consultation- school-led

- Sample RSHE planning and resources have been shared on the school website,
- A letter was sent inviting parents to take part in the RSHE survey. Two copies were sent out electronically and one copy sent home with the children. The deadline was also extended to encourage more parents to participate,
- 23 parents (of 420) participated in the parent survey altogether,
- The majority believed Redbridge's draft policy met its aims,
- The majority believed that the policy was fully inclusive. Those that disagreed (12 parents) felt that sex education or LGBTQ+ relationships should not be taught at all as it conflicted with their religious views,
- The majority felt that the curriculum content was fully appropriate. Those that felt it wasn't appropriate (10 parents) disagreed with sex education or LGBT relationships being taught at all as they felt it conflicted with their religious views,
- The majority (15 parents) were pleased that their children were learning about different aspects of relationships. Four parents were unsure. Four parents were not pleased their children were learning about different aspects of relationships (such as friendships, bullying, teamwork and consent),



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- The majority of parents fully or partially appreciated the benefit of children being taught about relationships and acknowledged the link to safeguarding. Two parents stated that they do not appreciate it,
- Four of the twenty-three participants had attended the Highlands Parent Forum- advertised by the borough and Parkhill- inviting opinions on their consultation about the curriculum and content,
- The majority of participating parents felt that they do not require further support from the school.

Where we have received correspondence from parents regarding their concerns about the implementation, we have responded thus:

Parental concern	Our view	Action taken
Children should not be taught in mixed sex classes for RSHE.	As a Rights' Respecting school, we believe it to be important for the children to be taught that they are equal to one another. Dividing the children into single-sex groups for only one subject, we feel, highlights their differences and may lead to them feeling ashamed or embarrassed about their changing bodies. This may lead them to being reluctant to speak of any concerns to a member of the opposite sex- including their parents or teachers.	Despite our view, we understand that this is a contentious point amongst some of our parental community. We believe these lessons to be essential to each child's development that we are prepared to concede to single-sex teaching in sex education (Y6 only) if it means that the children are able to access the lessons rather than having their parents remove them.
The children are too young to be taught about sex and it should not be included in the curriculum.	Children at primary age are exposed to much more than we realise through media, television and social media. Our experienced teachers know that this leads to misconceptions and access to age-inappropriate content being accessed by the children. We teach from an age-appropriate curriculum, not telling children any more than they <i>need to know</i> at this age in a safe, factual environment. Our	The revised National Curriculum instructs sex education to be taught in Y6 only. Parents retain the right to withdraw their children from these lessons if they wish.

	only aim is to educate (age-appropriately) and safeguard.	
The children are too young to be taught about puberty.	It is completely normal for children to go through puberty between the ages of 8-14. This means that menstruation can begin at Year 3. We believe it is essential that the children know and understand the changes puberty will have on their bodies and mental wellbeing so that they are fully prepared- when the time comes.	Teaching children about puberty becomes statutory as of September 2021- which means parents cannot withdraw their children from these lessons. Parents have had the opportunity to contribute to the Redbridge consultation this past year to express their views regarding syllabus content.
The children should not be taught the scientific names for private parts in Year 3.	Children are taught the scientific names for private parts from Early Years. This is for two reasons: using the correct terms often removes the embarrassment (for example, if a child was injured and needed to explain where they were hurt) and it safeguards the children. Knowing 'private parts' are to be kept private helps children to know if something is inappropriate.	Teaching children about puberty becomes statutory as of September 2021- which means parents cannot withdraw their children from these lessons. Parents have had the opportunity to contribute to the Redbridge consultation this past year to express their views regarding syllabus content.
The children should not be taught about LGBTQ+ relationships as it conflicts with some parents' religious beliefs.	As a Rights' Respecting school, we teach our children to be inclusive, tolerant and accepting of all to prepare them for life in modern Britain and the wider world. As a non-denominational school, it is up to parents to share their family's religious beliefs with their children. The school remains impartial to religious views in order to be inclusive and respectful to all.	Teaching children about all relationships becomes statutory as of September 2021- which means parents cannot withdraw their children from these lessons. Parents have had the opportunity to contribute to the Redbridge consultation this past year to express their views regarding syllabus content.



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<p>RSHE does not take religious beliefs into consideration.</p>	<p>As a non-denominational school, it is up to parents to share their family’s religious beliefs with their children. The school remains impartial to religious views in order to be inclusive and respectful to all.</p> <p>As a school, we believe RSHE should be taught, at an age-appropriate level, to our pupils as it prepares them for the bodily and emotional changes they will face. It also helps to build the foundation for life beyond Parkhill in a world where respect, tolerance, knowledge and consent are essential to keeping oneself safe.</p>	<p>We have adapted our RSHE curriculum as much as we can to remove any content that we feel could be contentious to our community (such as videos or content that we feel is not appropriate for our pupils). Of course, there are some elements that we cannot shy away from as they are on the National Curriculum.</p> <p>Parents have had the opportunity to contribute to the Redbridge consultation this past year to express their views regarding syllabus content.</p> <p>Parents retain their right to withdraw their children from the Year 6 sex education curriculum.</p>
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