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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to invite you to share your thoughts and opinions with us regarding the proposed changes in our Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education (RSHE) curriculum.

As you may be aware the Department for Education (DfE) has introduced statutory guidance for schools on Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education (RSHE), which will be introduced from September 2020.

We have collaborated with all the schools in the Durham Diocesan MAT to develop a joint policy and curriculum for RSHE to ensure we have a shared approach. We have adapted this joint policy to reflect the needs of our own school and the needs of our children.

Through our proposed curriculum, we want to put in place the building blocks needed for our children to form positive and safe relationships of all kinds. We will look at relationships with family and friends, how to treat each other with kindness, and recognising the difference between online and offline friendships. Also in line with the Church of England Education Office's guidance, our RSHE curriculum should ensure that our children are able to cherish themselves and others as unique and wonderfully made.

RSHE teaching at school will complement and reinforce the lessons you teach your child as they grow up. We will have flexibility to deliver the content in a way that is age and developmentally appropriate and sensitive to the needs, family circumstances and religious background of our pupils.

We value your opinions and input regarding the education of your children and would like to ensure you are consulted in the changes regarding this part of the curriculum.

Due to the current situation, the consultation period will be via email. We would like you to take time a look at our draft RSHE policy which is attached and is also available on our website. If you have any questions or comments please could you contact Mrs Cross by email at admin@stanhopebarrington.org.uk by **6th July 2020.**

Thank you

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