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Dear Parents/Carers,

Since 2021, all schools in England have had a statutory obligation to teach *Relationships, Sex and Health Education* (RSHE). This subject is designed to equip children and young people with the knowledge to make informed decisions about their wellbeing, health and relationships, and to help prepare them for a successful adult life.

Each school has the flexibility to deliver the content in a way that is age and developmentally appropriate and sensitive to the needs of its pupils. At The Hayfield School, our curriculum covers content on what healthy and unhealthy relationships look like, for example what makes a good friend, colleague and successful marriage or committed relationship. At the appropriate time, the focus will move to developing intimate relationships, thereby equipping young people with knowledge they need to make safe, informed and healthy choices as they progress through adult life.

The world in which young people are growing up continues to change rapidly, particularly as a result of social media and online life. In response, the government has updated its national guidance to ensure that the curriculum remains relevant and responsive to the challenges of modern life. We have therefore reviewed and updated our RSHE policy to reflect these latest expectations, while continuing to meet the specific needs of our students and wider school community.

As with all areas of our work, we take this responsibility extremely seriously and have worked hard to make sure that our curriculum reflects:

- Our pupils' age and maturity levels
- The values of our school community
- What pupils need to know to be healthy and safe in school, in their personal relationships and in the wider world

Our updated policy is available on the school's website. As part of our ongoing commitment to partnership with parents and carers, and in line with the statutory *Relationships, Sex and Health Education* (RSHE) guidance (DfE, July 2025), The Hayfield School is offering an opportunity for you to view and comment on our RSHE policy and approach for 2026–27. The online survey will be collecting responses from Monday 21 September to Wednesday 30 September. You can access the google form by clicking on this link Parent/Carer: RSHE Policy Google Form

Yours sincerely

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