Friday 13th November, 2026

Subject: Consultation on Proposed Changes to our PSHE and RSHE Policy

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to invite your views on proposed updates to our Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) Education and Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) Policy.

The Department for Education (DfE) introduced revised statutory guidance for Relationships, Sex and Health Education from September 2026. As a result, all schools are required to review and update their policies to ensure they remain aligned with current statutory requirements.

At The Oak Partnership, we believe that PSHE and RSHE play an important role in preparing children for life in modern Britain. These subjects support children's personal development, wellbeing, safety, relationships and understanding of the world around them. They also form an important part of our safeguarding curriculum, helping children understand how to stay safe, how to recognise risks and how to seek support when needed.

The revised guidance strengthens expectations in a number of areas, including:

- Teaching RSHE as part of the safeguarding curriculum.
- Online safety, digital citizenship and online harms.
- Personal safety and healthy boundaries.
- Age-appropriate understanding of consent.
- Accessibility for pupils with SEND.
- Greater transparency and engagement with parents and carers.
- Strengthened approaches to helping children recognise exploitation, abuse and unsafe situations.
- Preparation for healthy relationships and positive wellbeing.

Whilst many of these themes are already reflected within our curriculum, we are reviewing our policy to ensure it fully reflects the updated guidance and continues to meet the needs of our pupils and community.

Consultation Process

As part of this review, we would welcome your feedback on the proposed policy and supporting materials.

The consultation will run from:

Friday 13th November to Friday 27th November 2026

During this period, the following documents will be available for parents and carers to review:

- Draft PSHE/RSHE Policy
- Curriculum Progression Map

- Representative Teaching Resources
- Consultation Response Form: Click here

These documents can be accessed via the school website.

Consultation Questions

We would particularly welcome feedback on the following questions:

1. Is the policy clear and accessible?
2. Are there any areas of the curriculum that require further clarification?
3. Does the policy explain clearly how PSHE and RSHE contribute to keeping children safe?
4. Does the policy explain clearly how learning is adapted to meet the needs of pupils with additional needs and disabilities?
5. Are the arrangements for communication, consultation and transparency appropriate?
6. Is there any further feedback you would like the school to consider?

What Happens Next?

Once the consultation period closes on **Friday 27th November 2026**, all feedback will be reviewed and considered carefully.

Any appropriate amendments will be incorporated into the final version of the policy before it is presented to the Local School Committee for approval.

Following ratification, the final policy will be published on both the school and Trust websites by the end of the Autumn Term.

We value the partnership between school and home and would encourage all parents and carers to take the opportunity to review the documents and share their views.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

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On behalf of The Oak Partnership Trust.