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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to you to outline some changes you may have noticed regarding the provision of both RE and PSHE in your son or daughter's school timetable.

In line with new statutory guidance from the government we are covering RSE content (Relations and Sex Education) in PSHE lessons. This content is being taught alongside the wide range of other topics that were already covered in our comprehensive PSHE program.

To ensure that classes receive a consistent message we have planned for all PSHE content to be taught by a small group of staff, mainly within the RE department. This approach will support the learning in each of these subjects. Where a lesson is coded as RE, it is RE and also PSHCE, taught as separate subjects, in modules or distinct lessons. This will allow staff to follow through themes in both subjects in a more consistent manner.

In Year 10, pupils now receive an extra lesson of RE/ PSHCE rather than DIRT/FIT lessons, as these skills have been embedded over the previous three years. This increase is designed to not only support your son or daughter's progress in GCSE RE, but also to allow for time for topical and crucial discussions to take place around the challenges we have all faced so far in 2020. In Year 11, a period of PE has been transferred into RE to better prepare children for the GCSE RE examination in the Summer.

Returning to school has been an overwhelmingly positive experience for most pupils, but we are aware that some pupils may have questions they wish to discuss at this very uncertain time. The redesign of the RE/ PSHCE program is designed to support this.

I hope you have a restful weekend. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

Tom Stone

Head of RE



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