



# Priory School (Foundation)

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Dear Parents/Carers

## Re: Update on the introduction of Relationships & Health Education in the National Curriculum

The Department for Education has already passed legislation to include these changes which will come into effect from September 2020 and schools will be expected to comply fully with the expected requirements. The new school guidance sets out to schools what they are expected to teach.

Following the decision to close schools for the majority of pupils, the Department has been working to assess the immediate and long term impact of coronavirus on education delivery, including the implications on a school's ability to discharge their duty relating to the implementation of these subjects (DfE June 2020).

In light of these circumstances, we have been assured that, as a school, we have flexibility over how we discharge our duty within the first year of compulsory teaching.

We have assessed our current situation and feel that without adequate training for staff and parents, and without further consultation with parents, we will be unable to adequately meet the requirements to begin teaching the content in September 2020. Because of this, we aim to start preparations to deliver the new curriculum and to **commence teaching the new content no later than the start of the summer term 2021.**

I attach a guide for parents which you may find useful.

Once a new training date has been arranged, an email will be sent with further information.

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'L. Collinson'.

Mrs L Collinson  
Deputy Headteacher

