

16th July 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of our commitment to providing a high-quality education that supports your child's personal development, wellbeing, and safety, we are reviewing our **Relationships, Sex, and Health Education (RSHE)** curriculum.

This review ensures our school is compliant with the updated **Department for Education (DfE) statutory guidance** which must be fully implemented by September 2026. These updates put an enhanced focus on modern safety issues, including advanced online safety, digital boundaries, personal safety, and inclusive education. We believe that a strong partnership between home and school is vital. Therefore, we are launching a formal consultation period to share our updated curriculum plans and gather your feedback.

How to get involved:

1. **Review the Draft Documents:** Our proposed updated [RSE policy](#) and SMC Curriculum Overview is available on the school website [here](#).
2. **Read the Government Guidance:** If you wish to read the national framework, you can view the official [GOV.UK RSHE Statutory Guidance](#).
3. **Submit Your Feedback:** Please complete our brief online feedback questionnaire [here](#).

The consultation window will open on 15th July 2026 and close on 31st August 2026. Following this period, the school leadership team and Governing Body will review all submissions to finalise our policy for the upcoming academic year.

Parents/Carers have a legal right to withdraw their children from dedicated 'sex education' lessons. They do not have a right to withdraw their children from those aspects of RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) that are taught in National Curriculum Science or where RSE issues arise incidentally in other subject areas.

If you have any questions or require additional information relating to RSE, then please email mturnbull@jarrowschool.com.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Turnbull
SMC Curriculum Leader