

31st March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

You may remember that we undertook a consultation about our Relationships, Sex and Health Education policy in December. We received 31 responses from parents/carers from across the four schools in the CLIC Trust, with some very helpful feedback and comments to support our policy and curriculum design.

As a Multi Academy Trust, we have a Working Group, with representation from each CLIC school, to support the development of the Relationships, Sex and Health Education policy and curriculum plans and this group have met on three occasions to review the policy and curriculum overviews in light of the feedback that we received. The following changes have been made as a result of the consultation:

- Our policy now states that we will distribute the materials relating to the 'Changing Me' unit at least one month prior to them being taught to enable parents/carers to view the materials (and discuss these with the teacher if necessary) to make an informed decision about their child's participation.
- We have reviewed the content in the 'Changing Me' units and have moved some of the content to older year groups. The 'Changing Me' updated content can be seen at the end of the policy (starting on page 16), with the changes that we have made highlighted in yellow.
- We will ensure that pupils ask questions within the 'Changing Me' units via a method that is not 'live' for example, they could write questions and put them in an 'ask it basket' so that teachers can ensure that the questions discussed within the class remain in line with the curriculum content outlined in the policy for that year group (and do not cover material that would not be delivered until pupils are older). If a question is asked within the basket that would not be appropriate for the age of the pupils, it would not be covered within the class sessions. If a child asks a question that could not be discussed in class, we will inform the parent/carer in case they wish to discuss the question with their child at home.

Through the consultation, we received a small number of requests from parents/carers asking that their child be withdrawn from Relationships, Sex and Health Education lessons. All such requests should be sent directly to your child's Headteacher, as per the policy. Please be advised that Relationships and Health Education are both statutory, and the government have stated that pupils cannot be withdrawn from these lessons. Sex Education is not statutory (other than what is taught within the Primary Science curriculum) and therefore parents/carers may choose to withdraw their child from those lessons.

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Thank you to all those parents who took the time to read the policy and take part in the consultation, helping us to finalise our curriculum overviews and policy. Your time is very much appreciated.

The policy is attached with this letter, with all updates made as a result of the consultation highlighted in yellow for your information.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jo Ashcroft', is displayed on a light grey rectangular background.

Mrs Jo Ashcroft
CEO/Executive Headteacher