



## **Mid-Trent Multi Academy Trust Parent Consultation**

### **Policy for Relationships, Health and Sex Education and Scheme of Work**

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may already be aware, the Department for Education has made Relationships Education and Health Education statutory subjects within the National Curriculum for all schools from September 2020. Sex Education became statutory in secondary schools and discretionary in primary schools.

The statutory guidance for these subjects can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sexeducation-rse-and-health-education>

The new guidance focuses on healthy relationships and keeping children safe in the modern world, as well as a wide range of topics relating to physical and mental health and wellbeing, safeguarding and healthy relationships. Learning about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up will give children and young people the information, skills and positive values to have safe, fulfilling relationships and help them take responsibility for their own well-being.

All schools in the Mid-Trent Multi Academy Trust aim to promote personal wellbeing and development to give children and young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, productive and fulfilled lives, both now and in the future. We achieve this through teaching a comprehensive programme of Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) Education, and Relationships, Health and Sex Education are key elements of each school's overall PHSE content.

To ensure consistency across our family of schools, we have developed a shared Relationships, Health and Sex Education policy and scheme of work so we can be sure our provision is appropriate for all our pupils based on their:

- Age
- Physical and emotional maturity
- Religious and cultural backgrounds
- Special educational needs and disabilities

Many parents and carers will have views on what our policy and scheme of work should, or should not, include, and we would like to hear those views. The consultation process does not mean that parents have a right to remove curriculum content, as schools are legally required to teach the content of the National Curriculum. The final decision regarding what is taught and when is the responsibility of the Trust, and deciding how it is taught is for each school to decide based on their individual context. However, consulting with you will help to inform our final decisions about when and how certain content is covered, and enable us to reach agreement. Therefore, we would like to know your views on:

- Our draft Policy for Relationships, Health and Sex Education
- Our draft Relationships, Health and Sex Education Scheme of Work

These documents are available to view on each school's website, but a paper copy can be provided free of charge on request. Please use this link to share your views with us at this time: [RSHE Consultation Feedback Form](#)

The consultation process begins on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020, and will close on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Your views are very important to us and we will tell you about the outcome of this process in the new year.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding the consultation process, please do not hesitate to contact your child's school. The Headteacher or the PHSE Leader will be happy to help you.

Yours sincerely,

Mid-Trent Multi Academy Trust