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Dear Parents / Carers,

Over the next few weeks we will be carrying out lessons from the Relationships and Sex and Health Education (RSHE) curriculum that meets the needs of our year 8 students. These lessons will support the pupils in negotiating the transition into increasing independence with the development of knowledge, values and skills to make healthy and safe choices. The topics covered will be:

- Sex, gender and orientation
- Contraception, safer sex and consent
- STI's and Aids
- LGBTQ+

Both boys and girls will be present for all parts of the discussions to enable an open honest understanding of themselves and of the opposite sex.

We will have an 'Ask it Basket' where all students will have the opportunity to write down any questions or feelings to put in the basket. There will be a lesson to answer any of the questions asked. I will keep the empty basket available in between lessons.

We would like to reassure you that none of the teaching materials or strategies should shock pupils. All lessons will be taught in a strictly non-judgemental and non-biased manner, to allow the children to consider the information and develop their own values, attitudes and opinions. We encourage you to discuss this with them at home which will allow you to share your family values about the topics, building strong channels of communication about the human body and relationships with your children.

If you would like advice or support, or wish to discuss this further, please feel free to contact me.

Best regards,

Bea Gatfield

PSHE/RSE Coordinator