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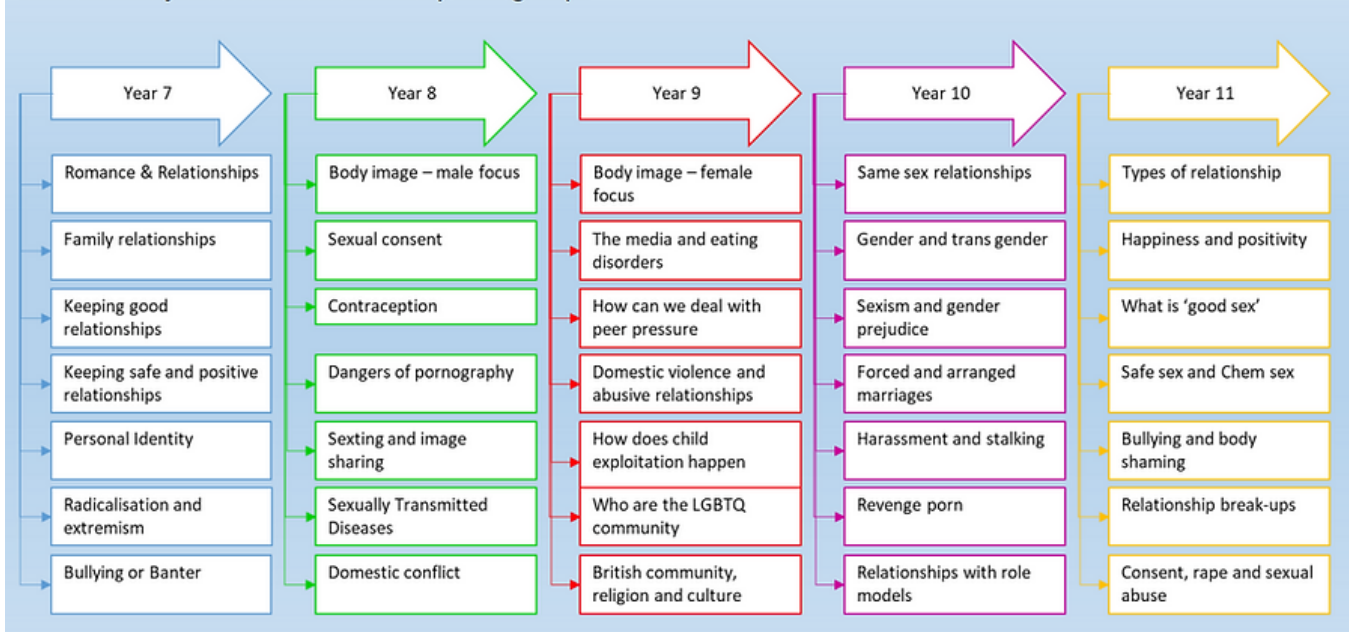
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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Re: Year 7-11 Statutory Relationship and Sex Education (RSE)

I am writing to inform you of the Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) modules which will be delivered to Year 7-11 during their Personal Development lessons next half term. As an integral part of our Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare Programme, all students take part in units of study and discussion which covers matters relating to relationships, sex education and sexual health. The lessons complement and enhance content that is already taught within the national curriculum for Science, Religious Education and Child Development.

### How the subjects will be delivered by Year group:



Please be aware that you do have a right to withdraw your child from **Sex Education** delivered, as part of RSE in secondary schools which, unless there are exceptional circumstances, will be granted up to three terms before your child turns 16. At this point, if the child themselves wishes to receive Sex Education rather than be withdrawn, the academy will make arrangements for this to happen in one of the three terms before his/her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, the legal age of sexual consent. If you wish to withdraw your child, please notify me, in the first instance, via [j.cooper@plume.essex.sch.uk](mailto:j.cooper@plume.essex.sch.uk).

There is no right to withdraw from **Relationships Education** at secondary level and we believe the content of these topics such as family, friendship, safety (including online safety) are important for all children to be taught. However, we are confident you will share our enthusiasm for the Personal Development curriculum, which we feel will greatly benefit all of our students.

The government has recently requested schools to share greater detail of the RSE curriculum with parents and carers. At Plume this has been part of our delivery since the inception of the Department for Education changes to the Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Framework that came into effect on 1 September 2020. In our continued spirit of openness and transparency the

academy website has a full breakdown of the curriculum by year group with lesson outcomes and dates when the lessons are delivered. Should you wish to see further details of specific lessons then please contact the academy to arrange a time where one of our subject specialists can take you through the lesson in detail – this will provide considerably more context and understanding than sending you the PowerPoint resource.

Should you require any further information or have any ensuing questions regarding this content, please do not hesitate to contact me via [j.cooper@plume.essex.sch.uk](mailto:j.cooper@plume.essex.sch.uk).

Yours faithfully,



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