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Dear Parent/Carer,

As a part of your child's education at Act Fast, we promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education programme. PSHE education is the curriculum subject that gives young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live safe and healthy lives and meet their full potential.

I am writing to let you know that, over the *Summer 2* half term, starting 6th June, your child's class will be taking part in lessons which will focus on the relationships and sex education (RSE) aspect of this programme.

RSE lessons in years 7 will include teaching about self-worth, romance and friendships (including online) and relationship boundaries. friendships (including online) and relationship boundaries.

RSE lessons in year 8 will include teaching about gender identity, sexual orientation, consent, 'sexting' and an introduction to contraception.

Pupils will also have opportunities to ask questions that help prepare them for relationships of all kinds in the modern world.

PSHE education is taught throughout the school in every year group. All teaching takes place in a safe learning environment and is underpinned by our school ethos and values. This is monitored and reviewed regularly by the staff and our Accountability and Standards group. Where pupils have missed significant learning in previous years it may be necessary to cover subject content from the scheme of learning below National Curriculum year. Learners will not however be taught subject content above their National Curriculum year.

Under statutory guidance issued by the DfE, parents will be able to withdraw their child (following discussion with the school) from any or all aspects of Sex Education, other than those which are part of the science curriculum, up to and until three terms before the age of 16.

Please visit the school's website: www.actfast-nl.co.uk (Curriculum – RSE Tab) for more detail about our PSHE curriculum.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of sex education content being taught to your child over the next half term, we would urge you to contact me at the school for further information before 13th June 2022. In the absence of a response, the school will consider this as full consent to deliver the full RSE curriculum to your child as planned.

Yours sincerely,



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Principal