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Biddick
Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are reviewing our Relationships Sex and Health Education (RSHE) provision at Biddick Academy. The government made RSHE compulsory in all secondary schools from September 2020. In line with the updated government guidance, we intend to continue to build on our RSHE curriculum to ensure that it will enable our students to be safe and thrive in our community.

Our children are growing up in an increasingly complex world with new opportunities, but also new challenges. RSHE is an important part of preparing them for life in 21st century Britain, enabling them to embrace diversity, make the most of technology; and understand the importance of, and develop the skills which lead to them being able to sustain healthy and strong relationships.

We would like to involve students and their parents in shaping what RSHE looks like at Biddick Academy, and to ensure that the provision is reflective and representative of our whole school community.

We will welcome your feedback on your view of our current provision and how you believe this can be developed to meet the needs of our community at the next Parents Forum meeting on Thursday 7th October, 5.00 – 6.00pm.

In addition, we would like to make you aware that all secondary schools must teach sex education that is outside of the science curriculum. Sex education at Biddick Academy is taught by trained staff in an age appropriate and sensitive way and gives due regard to the law. This will include topics like sex, the advantages of delaying sexual activity and the importance of consent, positive sexual relationships, contraception, pregnancy choices, domestic violence etc. Please note that parents/carers have a legal right to request that their child is withdrawn from sex education, further details can be found in the RSE Policy on the Academy website.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,

Miss K. Morris
Headteacher