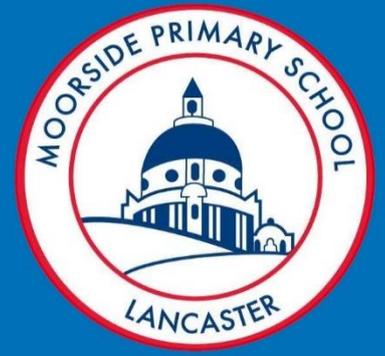


# Moorside Primary School

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## Update and Consultation

Dear Parents and Carers

The update section of the letter today is quite brief, with much of the letter this week focusing on the second round of consultation about our PSHE Policy.

### Traffic and Parking Around School

We have written on a number of occasions this school year about safe and courteous behaviour on the roads around school. We are aware that one neighbor has had their wall damaged for the second time, parents are struggling to walk on the pavements and St Bernadettes have had incidents as well. When the lockdown eases, we are planning a joint campaign involving the children from the two schools to try and improve the situation. It is a shared problem which affects everyone to some degree and a solution is best achieved by everyone working together.

### Finish times for Easter

Normally we have an earlier finish time at the end of a term but, due to the length of time children have been out of school, have decided to finish at the normal staggered year group finish times.

**Reception, YR1, 3 & 6 finish at 3.10pm**

**YR2, 4 & 5 finish at 3.20pm**

## Consultation: Draft PSHE Policy

Since the publication by the Government of the document 'Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education' (see link below) in 2019, schools have been required to consult parents about their proposed policy to teach these areas of the curriculum.

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/908013/Relationships Education Relationships and Sex Education RSE and Health Education.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/908013/Relationships_Education_Relationships_and_Sex_Education_RSE_and_Health_Education.pdf)

Just before Christmas, we carried out an initial round of consultation. Since then we have adapted our approach and tailored it much more to the needs of our children rather than using a commercial scheme, as we were originally proposing. Adopting a 'tailored' approach also brings PSHE in line with the rest of our curriculum which is something we have developed ourselves.

The proposed draft policy reflects these changes. Along with the policy are two documents which provide an overview of the areas we will cover. One of these simply describes the areas and their content, whilst the other also gives links to examples of PSHE Association approved resources which we may use to support the children's learning. Resources from the commercial scheme, 'Jigsaw', are also available for use by teachers. The draft policy can be viewed on our website in the 'Policies' section or you can follow this link: <https://www.moorside-pri.lancs.sch.uk/policies/>

The policy has different elements because it includes the different parts which go together to form PSHE.

First of all, it describes our general approach to PSHE. It then looks in more detail at 'Health Education' 'Relationships Education' and 'Sex Education'.

Health and Relationships Education are statutory and we will place a greater emphasis on the areas needed by our children. Sex Education is optional but its coverage is advised by the DfE. The content we define as Sex Education is only covered in Y6.

We see our role as working in partnership with parents. So in addition to sharing the overview, each term, your child's year group team will share more detail about what will be covered. This is because you might want to discuss some issues with your child prior to certain lessons or follow up on something they have covered in school. In the case of Y6, we offer the parents the opportunity to view the materials used for Sex Education and they have the right to withdraw their child from specific lessons.

### **Responding to the consultation**

Should you want to respond to the consultation, you may do so by following this link:

<https://forms.gle/zvTjMT7Xcphbphei7>

**The closing date for the consultation is 12 noon on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March.** Prior to Christmas, we carried out one round of consultation and have incorporated some of the comments into this new version of the policy. Whilst we respect everyone's views, we have over five hundred families, so it might not be possible to incorporate everyone's individual views within the policy. However, we are happy to hear from you and are happy to discuss things with you now or at any time in the future as your child encounters different areas of PSHE through the school.

Given that the Government has pushed back the legal requirement to teach Health and Relationships Education until the autumn, it is our plan to trial our new PSHE curriculum from after Easter so that it can be fully embedded from September.

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher