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## Dear Parent/Guardian

As a part of your child's education at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge, we promote personal wellbeing and development through our comprehensive PSMSC programme which incorporates PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic), SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural) education and RE (Religious Education). We follow the recommendations laid out by the Department for Education and the PSHE Association.

Topics for all students are grouped into 8 core themes:

- Emotional Wellbeing
- Citizen and Community
- Careers, Work Experience and Work Related Learning
- British Values
- Personal Health
- Risk and Safety
- Relationships & Sex Education
- Religious Education

You may be aware that new statutory guidance for the teaching of RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) comes into effect from September 2020. This means that all schools are now required by law to deliver Relationships and Sex Education; until now this was not compulsory. At Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge this has not meant any changes for us since we have always recognised the importance of this material and its value in preparing young people for their future lives as adults and parents.

Our RSE lessons are relevant to the age, understanding, cultural background and circumstances of the students. They also reflect their needs in terms of language, learning styles and abilities.

For information on the content of our PSMSC curriculum, please see our website: <a href="https://www.maidenerleghchilternedge.co.uk/page/?title=PSMSC&pid=35">https://www.maidenerleghchilternedge.co.uk/page/?title=PSMSC&pid=35</a>.

To read the government guidance: Statutory Guidance

Parents will continue to have a right to request to withdraw their child from sex education and we will write to you ahead of delivery of this part of the course.

If you would like further information or to make any comments about the new guidance, please use the following form to submit your enquiries by Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=WwlpOb3F7ECiSBghIHVh9BzB3wrig5EoHAYnRKz2HdURUEwMU41MkVJQzY4RTE2WU8yRUdMN04xTS4u

Yours faithfully

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