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September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will be aware that, as part of your child's educational experience at Oldbury Wells School, we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive taught programme of Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education that gives young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy safe, productive and fulfilled lives, both now and in the future.

I am writing to let you know that, over the next 10 weeks starting from 16th September 2024, your child's form will be taking part in lessons which will focus on Relationships and Sex education (RSE).

Lessons will include students learning about:

- Challenging gender stereotypes
- Sexuality and gender identity
- Consent: What it is and why it is essential
- Understanding marriage
- Spotting unhealthy and abusive relationships
- Overcoming conflict and finding forgiveness

This is part of our schools PSHE education programme which is taught once a fortnight in every year group by form tutors and is monitored and reviewed regularly by the staff and governing body. For more detail about our PSHE curriculum offer, please visit the school's website, (<http://www.oldburywells.com/parent-information/curriculum/pshe>). All teaching in PSHE will take place in a safe learning environment and be underpinned by our school ethos and values. A variety of opportunities will be provided for students to ask questions to prepare them for relationships in the modern world.

As a school community, we are committed to working in partnership with parents. If you would like to find out more or discuss any concerns, please contact your child's head of year Mr Walker, joe.walker@oldburywells.com or myself at april.bishell@oldburywells.com.

Yours faithfully

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Personal development and wellbeing

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