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Dear Parents and Faith Leaders,

We would like to thank you all for attending our recent working party regarding the new guidance on RSE.

We had a full and fair discussion on the guidance put forward by the DfE for all schools to teach Relationships Education including LGBT and Sex Education.

We explained to the working party that at Iqra Academy we will not be teaching Sex Education but will teach Changes in Adolescence (Puberty) in Upper KS2 in single gender classes. This is not new to the Iqra curriculum as we have been teaching this for the last 19 years. Most parents felt that parents were responsible for teaching their children about sex education. Representatives from the working party were happy with this proposal.

We had long discussions about the possibility of teaching LGBT as part of the Relationships curriculum. The vast majority of parents felt that this was not appropriate for primary school pupils as they should be concentrating on understanding how to build positive relationships and positive self-esteem. This is in line with the DfE guidance for RSE.

Parents felt that once this was established, only then we can look at many different relationships within our society. All parents believed that we should respect and tolerate all members of our society in line with the Equality Act (2012) and British values.

To reflect the age, culture and religious beliefs of our pupils at Iqra Academy we will not cover LGBT relationships and sex education. Iqra will foster respect for others and differences within families and society.

Our curriculum in Relationships education will put in place the building blocks needed for positive and safe relationships of all kinds within the community and online relationships. This will start with family and friends and how to treat each other with kindness and respect. We will also teach pupils strategies to deal with negative and unhealthy relationships.

Our Relationships education will be delivered through our PHSE lessons. Through Personal, Social and Health Education (PHSE) and Relationship Education, Iqra Academy aims to support all young people to be happy, healthy and safe.

We hope to share with you our new revised policy on the 9th October in a consultation meeting (2.30-3.20pm). All parents and faith leaders will be invited to discuss our proposals.

Yours sincerely

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Principal