

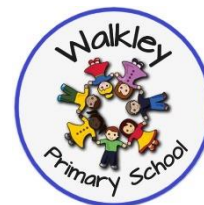
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Consultation with parents regarding our Citizenship policy

Incorporating Relationships, Health and Sex Education (RHSE) and Personal, Social Health and Economic Policy (PSHE) in conjunction with the Equalities Act 2010.

Dear Walkley Parents and Carers,

Walkley Primary School, and the majority of Walkley Parents and Carers and the Walkley community are passionate and united about equality, compassion, understanding, tolerance, celebrating diversity as is embedded as a way of life in the ethos of our school. COVID and lockdown have raised our awareness and need to provide a strong mental health agenda combined with an equally socially aware curriculum as priority for our children, as many of us experienced feelings of isolation, loneliness and vulnerability during this period. This curriculum will further enhance our existing learning and teaching delivery as a more inclusive, respectful tool to develop empathy and understanding.

This letter is to let you know that today we are launching our consultation and engagement with parents over the Citizenship Curriculum. As always, we want to work in partnership with parents and so I want to outline a few facts about the Citizenship Policy and then explain the process we are taking to communicate with you about it.

A few facts about the RHSE Curriculum

- RHSE stands for, Relationships Health and Sex Education. In primary schools this means a focus on health and relationships education.
- The government have brought in a new policy that schools must follow fully from September 2021. We are already working with the mental and physical health aspects as it is what we have always done at Walkley Primary School
- In many ways the new policy covers what Walkley and other schools have always done and which we have always shared with parents.
- As always, you have the right to withdraw your child from the sex education part of the curriculum which happens in Year 6.
- We are working in collaboration with Learn Sheffield who have worked with many key religious leaders based in Sheffield.

Our plan

We want to help you to understand the new aspects of the curriculum so that we can work together to provide the best learning to keep our children safe and grow up learning important information about themselves and others. This is what we will be doing:

1. The draft [Citizenship policy](#), which has been agreed by governors, is now on the school website for you to read.
2. Parents can email your views and comments on aspects of the policy. It will be open for 3 weeks. (Tuesday 2nd November until Tuesday 23rd November)
3. Senior staff can be available to have conversations with individual parents who would like to discuss aspects further.
4. When the governors agree the final policy, we will proceed to teach the full curriculum from December 2021 and publish the final policy on the school website.

Val Sian