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Dear families,

I hope this letter finds you well in continually evolving times.

Firstly, thank you to the many families that have reached out in the past few months sharing your own perspectives, and asking questions about the revised RSE curriculum.

I hope that both my responses and the FAQ document shared with your school has been of help. If you have been told or have read about anything about RSE via social media, informal conversations, the internet etc that concerns you, please do reach out to me or check the FAQ documents on your school website for further information. No question is not valid.

I would like to update you all on the consultation phase for Redbridge. Due to the impact of Covid-19 and the restrictions of lockdown and social distancing, it has not been practically possible to have a positive and open consultation that includes with families and our schools. Many Local Authorities have faced similar difficulties and so DfE have delayed the proposed introduction of RSE. We have decided to take advantage of this flexibility around statutory changes by postponing any introduction of RSE changes until September 2021.

The postponement will allow us to revise timescales for the positive, open consultation we need to have with schools, communities and families. We will therefore continue to work with the various stakeholders in the Autumn and Spring term 2020/21. We plan to hold consultations for families alongside individual schools as an opportunity to explore the guidance, view and feedback on the draft syllabus and view some of the resources that each school plan to use.

More details will be shared in September 2020.

Kind regards,

Danielle Vorley RSE adviser