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Dear Parent/Carer

**Personal Development & Relationships & Sex Education (RSE) Curriculum 2025–26
Year 8**

As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting pupils' personal development and wellbeing, we deliver a carefully planned Personal Development and Relationships & Sex Education (RSE) curriculum throughout the year. These lessons help pupils develop the knowledge, skills, and values they need to make informed decisions, build positive relationships, and stay safe—both now and in the future.

In line with the Department for Education's statutory guidance on Relationships, Sex and Health Education, we are sharing an overview of the topics and lessons that will be covered this year in Year 8. We believe that transparency and collaboration are key, and we welcome your feedback, questions, or requests to view any of the lesson resources we plan to use. These can be found overleaf.

We recognise that some of the topics covered within our Personal Development and RSE curriculum can feel more sensitive or challenging to discuss. These subjects are approached carefully, using age-appropriate language and resources, with an emphasis on safety, respect, and understanding. We aim to give pupils accurate information and the opportunity to ask questions in a safe, supportive environment. We appreciate that parents and carers may also wish to be aware of and prepare for these discussions at home. Below you will find a list of the more sensitive areas we will be covering this year:

- Sexting and relationship expectations
- Abuse and discrimination
- Female Genital Mutation

We know these lessons work best when supported by open conversations at home. Talking with your child about these topics reinforces their learning and helps them to feel confident and supported. We are all working together to keep pupils safe, informed, and well educated about themselves and others.

If you would like ideas for discussing these topics at home, the BBC Bitesize Parents section offers accessible guidance and advice: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/parents>. Please note that this is an external website not managed or endorsed by the school; we share it as an optional resource that some families may find useful.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us provide a high-quality, age-appropriate Personal Development and RSE education. If you have any questions, would like to offer feedback, or wish to see specific resources, please contact Mrs Kimber at kkimber@wkgs.net.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Kimber
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Year 8

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
<p>Project 2: Step into NHS project</p> <p>Health & Wellbeing: Caffeine, Nicotine, Tobacco, Vaping and Alcohol Evaluating use Managing influences Basic first aid</p> <p>Managing Risk What influences my financial decisions How can I make informed decisions Targeted advertising and your data</p>	<p>Project 2: Presentation and reflection</p> <p>Exploring Who I am Appearance Ideals Internal and external impacts on self-esteem Media Messages Managing social influences Sexting and relationship expectations Keeping ourselves safe online – cybercrime</p>	<p>Careers & Aspirations What are my interests? Superhero CVs Challenges and rewards of work Creating the life you want What does success mean to me? Cybercrime – <i>covered in form</i></p>	<p>Health and Wellbeing Attitudes to mental health Emotional Wellbeing Digital resilience</p> <p>Global Perspectives /Careers Week – Careers and the Climate</p>	<p>Learning Skills Self-Quizzing and Mind maps Revision timetable Top tips Exam Stress</p>	<p>Relationships Abuse and Discrimination The 9 Protected Characteristics Healthy relationships and gender bias Cyber Bullying FGM</p>
<p>Curriculum Content Healthy Eating - DT</p>					