

February 2026

Dear Parent/Carers

Consultation on Proposed Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) Policy

I write to invite you to participate in a formal consultation on the school's proposed Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) Policy. The draft policy has been prepared in line with the most recent guidance issued by the Department for Education (DfE) and is based on the Local Authority's model policy, developed in consultation with faith and community leaders. Our intention is to ensure that the curriculum is age-appropriate, evidence-informed, inclusive, and consistent with our safeguarding commitments and school values.

The consultation period will take place between the following dates:

- **Opening: Monday 2 February 2026**
- **Closing: Friday 27 February 2026**

Documents for Review

The draft RSE Policy (and a summary for parents) will be available on the school website under *Policies > RSE*. Should you require a printed copy, a translated version, or an accessible format, please contact the school office and we will arrange this.

Submission of Responses

We welcome written comments and queries during the consultation window. Please email info@appletonacademy.co.uk and include "RSE Policy Consultation" in the subject line. In your correspondence, you may wish to address the clarity of the policy, age-appropriateness of content, inclusivity, alignment with statutory guidance, and the policy's approach to safeguarding and parental engagement.

Purpose and Scope of the Updated Policy

- To set out a clear and compliant framework for RSE delivery in accordance with current DfE guidance.
- To describe the content taught at each phase and the rationale for the selection of teaching materials.
- To articulate how sensitive topics and pupil questions will be handled, with due regard to safeguarding and pastoral care.
- To confirm the school's commitment to working in partnership with parents and carers and to outline routes for ongoing dialogue.

Next Steps

All submissions received by Friday 27 February 2026 will be considered in full. A summary of feedback and any resulting amendments will be presented to the Governing Body and subsequently shared with parents and carers before the final policy is ratified and published.



We are grateful for your engagement with this consultation and for your continued support. Your contributions are important in ensuring that our RSE provision is of high quality and reflects the needs and values of our school community.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Helen Jones".

Ms H Jones
Executive Headteacher