



WALTON HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Sir/Madam

As many of you will be aware, we have run a robust PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education) programme at Walton High School for many years. We will aim to continue this during the current school year, however, given the unusual circumstances, we will have to make some changes.

Firstly, there have been some developments in the statutory requirements for PSHE, which I have built into the new programme, although I am pleased to say, we were covering most of them already.

Secondly, due to Covid-19, it is impossible to run the usual programme safely, due to room changes, activities in the hall or computer rooms, visiting speakers and such like. Additionally, we are conscious that pupils have lost valuable time from their timetabled subjects and will be potentially under some pressure to catch up.

Therefore, we have decided to send out the PSHE resources remotely via SIMS Engagement. The pre-recorded sessions will be led by myself and all resources used will be from quality assured websites/organisations, for example, the PSHE Association, NSPCC and Public Health England. I am also hoping to include recorded information from guest speakers, where appropriate, in order to give as rich and varied a programme as possible.

By organising PSHE in this way, we are adhering to COVID -19 safety requirements and keeping your child as safe as possible. They will also gain about 20 more lessons, which will hopefully help them catch up on some of the time missed last year.

The PSHE programme is nevertheless very important to us and we believe it delivers crucial information to our pupils. We would respectfully ask you to monitor your child's engagement with PSHE and encourage them to work through the activities. I am confident there will be many topics, you will be able to discuss in depth with your child and I would welcome you to do that.

The broad topics covered will be as follows;

Mental Health / Racism and Diversity / Sexual Health / The Environment / Career Pathways / Alcohol and Drugs Awareness / Relationships / First Aid / E-Safety and Bullying

For more detailed information on the PSHE programme, you will be able to find an action plan on the school website.

If you have any queries about PSHE and our intended plan for this year, please do not hesitate to contact me on a.stokes@walton.staffs.sch.uk.

Many thanks in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Stokes
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