

Scoill Ard Noo Ninian 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian

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HEAD TEACHER Mr C. J. Coole

I have been asked to share the following letter with you regarding RSE delivery in school during this summer term.

All schools on the Isle of Man are committed to ensuring students receive key information which enables them to understand the emotional, social, and physical aspects of growing up. These themes are explored through Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) that forms part of the larger PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic) curriculum and school culture. RSE aims to help keep children and young people safe by working with parents and carers to provide the information, skills and values needed to make informed choices, and to enjoy safe and healthy relationships throughout their lives. This includes learning about emotional wellbeing, mutual respect, treating others with kindness, as well as learning about the physical, social and emotional challenges that young people may face as they mature.

During this summer term all secondary schools, including St. Ninian's High School, will be delivering an RSE assembly focused on sharing information which will help to keep our young people safe, based on recent changes to legislation, and in collaboration with the Isle of Man Constabulary. Full details can be found on our central PSHE website (https://pshe.sch.sites.im/), including guidance for parents.

We understand that decisions regarding your child's education are personal and often reflect individual family values and beliefs. Whilst we value the opportunity to help children and young people develop using the advisory curriculum, we respect the right of parents and carers to make decisions in the best interest of their child.

St. Ninian's High School will be working in consultation with other secondary schools and appropriate government departments to support and enhance the continuing delivery of RSE. This will also include engaging with students and parents/carers to develop a shared understanding of how best to safeguard and promote the wellbeing of our young people.

Should you have any questions or concerns, we ask that you direct them to <u>SNHSEnquiries@Sch.im</u> for the attention of our Deputy Head Teacher, Miss White, who will be more than happy to discuss the content with you further.

We are committed to working in partnership with you to ensure that your child receives a broad and balanced curriculum, and we appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Yours faithfully

Mr C J Coole PGCE, NPQH Head Teacher

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