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Dear Headteacher / Principal

As you may well be aware, the Department for Education is proposing that schools are required to teach relationships and sex education and health education at all state-funded secondary schools.

In July 2018 the Government set out plans for implementation encouraging schools that are ready to start teaching the new curriculum from September 2019 and enabling schools needing more support to use the additional time to prepare to teach high quality RSE from September 2020. The Children and Social Work Act 2017 introduces new legislation on relationships and sex education in all schools in England.

In order to support schools in being ready for the changes that lie ahead, we would like to invite you (or a colleague) to attend an afternoon briefing session on the 12th March 2019. The intended audience for this session is senior leaders. One place has been allocated per school. Please confirm your attendance by emailing inset@solihull.gov.uk.

The session will enable your school to ensure that it is meeting the forthcoming statutory requirements and, more importantly, meeting the needs of pupils. We will explore:

- The actions schools need to be taking in order to prepare for mandatory provision – strategic and operational;
- The relationship between mental health and effective relationship and sex education;
- Ensuring that provision meets the needs of pupils.

A number of speakers have been invited:

Jonny Hunt (SRE consultant working across Solihull and Warwickshire and who recently contributed to the Sex Education Forum conference Countdown to Statutory Relationships and Sex Education).

Angela Milliken (Jigsaw PSHE Consultant, providing training, support and guidance to schools in implementing the Jigsaw PSHE curriculum including comprehensive RSE and author of a new secondary PSHE resource)

Laura Chaisty/Dr Maddy Podichetty (Laura is a psychotherapist and co-author of the book *Girls Guide to Growing up Great*).

This event will be followed up by a day's training for those coordinating and quality assuring the delivery of relationships and sex education later in the summer term. Governors are invited to attend a session exploring their role on the 27th February (please book via [Governor Hub](#)).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phil Leivers." The signature is written in a cursive, slightly informal style.

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