



Breakspeare School
Gallows Hill Lane
Abbots Langley
Hertfordshire
WD5 0BU

Tel: 01923 263645
Fax: 01923 260087

admin@breakspeare.herts.sch.uk

Merja Paakkonen
Head Teacher

13 September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

At The Sunflower Federation we have been developing our Relationships, Sex and Health Education curriculum and spent time last year attending several professional development courses. One of the training courses was through The Sex Education Forum and allowed us to develop a network of contacts. From attending training, we have:

- Developed and implemented an RSHE curriculum that is design specifically to meet the needs of our learners
- Delivered INSET training to teachers and Learning Support Assistants
- Developed teaching resources that are accessible for all learners
- Purchased teaching resources and teaching aids to support the delivery of high quality and inclusive RSHE lessons.

The Sex Education Forum and Brook are both educational charities that are supportive of the current developments and work that all schools have undertaken with regards to the RSHE curriculum. Both charities hosted a parliamentary panel last week and we were delighted to be asked to represent SEND schools at this panel. At The Sunflower Federation we are concerned about Government proposals to stop all developments made by schools, including mainstream, in their RSHE provision. The Government are proposing a review into RSHE which would offer a much narrower curriculum instead. It was an honour to be the voice of our young people at the event. We presented to over 100 MPs, Lords and other external agencies such as NSPCC, Make it Mandatory, The Terrence Higgins Trust and Girl Guiding UK; as well as other teachers and young people themselves. Since the event we have been contacted by others who attended that wish to work with us further in gaining insight into our provision for SEND students and help further develop our network and resources.

More information can be found online about the changes being proposed by the Government. If you have a minute please follow the link to pledge your support high-quality RSHE.

[Pledge your Support for high-quality RSHE in schools - Brook RSE pledge.](#)

Caroline and Gillian

