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Secretary of State for Education
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Dear Secretary of State

Relationships Education: New statutory guidance and upcoming petitions debate

We are writing regarding the Department for Education's review of the relationships, sex and health education (RSHE) curriculum and plans to publish new statutory guidance for these subjects.

In March 2023, the Department announced that it was bringing forward a review of the RSHE curriculum, and would produce new statutory guidance. The Government said that this new guidance would be subject to a public consultation before the end of last year, but it has not yet been published.

The Petitions Committee has scheduled a debate on LGBT content in the RSHE curriculum on Monday 18 March 2024. This would be an excellent opportunity for MPs to discuss any changes the Government plans to make to the RSHE statutory guidance. We are therefore writing to ask you to publish the draft guidance in good time ahead of this debate.

I would be grateful if you could confirm your plans to publish new RSHE statutory guidance, and commit to seeking to publish draft guidance before our debate.

Yours sincerely,

Cat Smith MP
Chair of the Petitions Committee

Elliot Colburn MP
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