

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 11th MARCH 2024**

Question

“Will the Minister state whether new guidance for the secondary school Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education curriculum will be published for the Island and, if so, will he also –

- (a) state when the document will be published;
- (b) provide a timetable for the introduction of the new guidance to schools, pupils and families of pupils;
- (c) state what training, if any, will be provided to teachers and school support staff;
- (d) describe any actions planned to ensure the families of pupils understand what their children are learning;
- (e) state what role, if any, the Jersey Curriculum Council (JCC) has had in the development of the guidance; and
- (f) advise whether there are any plans to make similar changes to the primary school PSHE education curriculum guidance?”

Answer

- (a) The publication of the PSHE guidance is subject to the new Ministers review, after the next Curriculum Council meeting on March 13 2024. As there was not a Ministerial presence at the last Curriculum Council meeting the document did not get Ministerial sign off at the end of 2023.
- (b) The timetable for the introduction of the new guidance will be agreed at Curriculum Council.
- (c) Any training will be discussed and agreed at Curriculum Council.
- (d) Normal practice is that schools update families of any relevant areas of PSHE that will be taught at the appropriate time.
- (e) The former Minister and lead office of the JCC met with the Jersey Youth Parliament. The JCC lead officer in 2023, Kate Sugden, led on the writing of the guidance document. She worked in close collaboration with the Jersey Youth Parliament and with student representatives from schools who were present and fed back to the council on November 30 2023.
- (f) There are no plans to provide similar guidance for the Primary PSHE Curriculum, as this is considered fit for purpose and appropriately resourced in schools.