

PRESS RELEASE

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TVMC Responds to RSHE Consultation by DofE

Thames Valley East Masaajid Council (TVMC), alongside local Muslim educators, has issued a response to the government's RSHE consultation, closing on July 11th. TVMC emphasizes **RSHE alignment with Muslim family values, advocating for respectful inclusion of diverse religious perspectives**. The council stresses upon age-appropriate content and parental involvement, ensuring transparency and the right to opt-in or out based on family beliefs.

The importance of parental involvement in shaping RSHE policies at the school level cannot be over emphasised. Parents should have a meaningful voice in curriculum development and the ability to opt-in or opt-out of certain aspects of RSHE education, in line with Muslim family values and beliefs. Schools should give adequate notice to parents on any consultation concerning RSHE and provide alternative means for parents who may not have English as their first language to be effectively involved.

TVMC urges schools to facilitate accessible parental engagement and has prepared a brief for parents on RSHE implications and their rights.

TVMC encourages local Masaajid to raise community awareness about RSHE through Friday sermons and other forms of communication.

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Note to Editors

The Thames Valley East Masaajid Council (TVMC) is a consortium of 11 mosques representing over 60,000 Muslims in Slough, Windsor, Maidenhead, South Bucks, Runnymede and neighbouring areas; essentially the entire geographical footprint of the Thames Valley East region. TVMC represents local Muslim communities and partners statutory and non-statutory organisations as well as other religious communities to improve racial and religious harmony in the region.

