

3rd December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

As you may already be aware, Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) is part of the National Curriculum. As part of our school's Personal Development programme, your child will soon receive lessons on relationships, sexual health and personal safety.

Schools are required to consult with parents when developing and reviewing their policies for Relationships Education and RSHE, which will inform decisions on when and how certain content is covered. Thank you all for taking the time to read our RSHE policy, which was sent out in September.

The purpose of the upcoming curriculum is to provide knowledge and understanding of safe and healthy relationships, based on respect. This is to encourage the development of safe and healthy relationships throughout life. This subject is designed to help children from all backgrounds build positive and safe relationships, and to thrive in modern Britain.

You do have a right to withdraw your child from sex education delivered as part of RSHE in secondary school, which, unless there are exceptional circumstances, will be granted up to three terms before your child turns 16. At this point, if the child themselves wishes to receive sex education rather than be withdrawn, the school should make arrangements for this to happen in one of the three terms before the child turns 16 - the legal age of sexual consent.

There is no right to withdraw from relationships education at secondary level and we believe the content of these subjects – such as family, friendship, safety (including online safety) – are important for all children to be taught. We are confident you will share our enthusiasm for the successful implementation of the personal development curriculum, which we feel will benefit all of our students.

If you do NOT consent for your child to participate in sex education, please complete the withdrawal slip attached and return it to school by Friday 17th December 2021. Unless withdrawn with a signed slip, all pupils will be exposed to the content of our personal development curriculum.

You are welcome to contact me should you wish to express any concerns or to discuss the programme further.

Yours sincerely,

John Hurley
Assistant Head teacher



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Child's Name: _____

Date: _____

I/We do NOT consent for my child to participate in sex education, however understand there is no right to withdraw my child from relationships education.

I/We understand that should my child request to receive sex education rather than be withdrawn, the school should arrange for this to happen in one of the three terms before the child turns 16 - the legal age of sexual consent and I will be informed when this will take place.

Signed: _____

Print: _____

