

20th October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

As part of the Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education, students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 are learning about Relationships and Sex Education in the second half of the Autumn term. These lessons start the first week back after half term, commencing 1st November 2021.

These lessons have been planned in line with government guidance and allow us to ensure we are delivering the new statutory requirements in this area of the curriculum. More information on this can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education>

When teaching the sex education lessons of the new curriculum, we will ensure that lessons are age appropriate and cover topics including; puberty, sexuality, consent and contraception.

The relationships aspect of the new curriculum covers how young people manage their emotions with regards to all different types of relationships, including friendships as well as more intimate relationships.

All lessons are designed to equip students with knowledge, dispel myths and allow them to make educated and informed life choices; all of which is at the heart of safeguarding young people.

With regards to parental consent for Sex and Relationships Education, the law has changed.

Parents will not be able to withdraw their child from any aspect of Relationships Education or Health Education.

Parents do retain the right to withdraw their child from any or all aspects of Sex Education, other than those which are part of the Science curriculum, up to and until three terms before the age of 16. We would ask that you discuss any such decisions in advance with the school. Please let the school know by Friday 29th October if you do want to exercise your right to withdraw your child from the Sex Education lessons in PSHE.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully



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