



9th October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer(s)

At Ashmole we are committed to helping every child achieve their potential and as part of that we understand how important it is that our students are able to manage their own wellbeing, health and safety.

Therefore, I am writing to inform you of what we will be teaching in Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education in the second half of the autumn term. Students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will be learning about Relationships and Sex Education with lessons starting the first week back after the half term break, commencing 30th October 2023.

Through the delivery of these important lessons we are ensuring that we cover the statutory requirements from the government 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>

In regards to the sex aspect of the curriculum, lessons will be age appropriate and cover topics including: puberty, sexuality, consent, contraception and managing pressures.

Please note the law has changed from 2020 in that parents are unable to withdraw their child from any aspect of Relationships Education or Health Education.

Parents will be able 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.

However, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss this decision with you in more detail so please do contact me directly by Monday 23rd October if you wish to exercise the right to withdraw your child from these specific lessons on sex education.

Yours faithfully

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