



2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

As you may already be aware, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), along with Health Education, has now become part of the National Curriculum. This change occurred as of September 2020.

As part of our school's wider Social Emotional Learning (SEL) programme, your child will soon receive lessons on relationships, sexual health and personal safety. The topics covered in each year group can be found on the reverse of this letter.

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. The subject is designed to help children from all backgrounds build positive and safe relationships, and to thrive in modern Britain. Please be reassured that topics are taught carefully and sensitively.

Relationships Education at secondary level is delivered to all students at an age appropriate 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.

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 At this point, if the child themselves wishes to receive sex education rather than be withdrawn, the school should make arrangements for this to happen in one of the three terms before the child turns 16.

If you wish for your child to be withdrawn from the elements of sex education covered within the Relationships and Sex Education programme of study, a letter of withdrawal is required to be sent to the Headteacher.

We are confident you will share our enthusiasm for the successful implementation of the SEL curriculum, which we feel will benefit all of our students. We will be reviewing our curriculum through the course of this term and look forward to sharing further information with you.

Please contact me if you wish to discuss any aspect of the programme.

Yours sincerely,

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<b>Year</b>	<b>Topics</b>
7	Introduction to RSE Positive and healthy relationships Puberty The reproductive organs and periods
8	Prejudices and stereotypes Different relationships and marriage Arranged and forced marriages Honour based violence Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)
9	Sexuality Pride Pregnancy and miscarriage Reproductive health Being a parent
10	Consent Sexually Transmitted Infections and Diseases (STIs/STDs) Contraception Pregnancy Looking out for me
11	Looking out for me Contraception Cancer Being a parent Arranged and forced marriages Reproductive health

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