

1st November 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

Students will be starting Sex & Relationship Education (SRE) within their Social Studies curriculum this term. It is the aim of the Government and the Local Authority to ensure that young people are well versed with this area of their education. It is evidenced that those children who have a greater understanding can make better choices for their future.

The purpose of SRE is to provide knowledge and understanding about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up, relationships, human sexuality and sexual health. It should equip young people with the information, skills and values to have safe, fulfilling and enjoyable relationships and to take responsibility for their sexual health and well-being.

The KS4 programme will cover all the legal requirements, please find attached the curriculum on a page highlighting the SRE areas. All lessons will be delivered at a level appropriate for our learners.

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, 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 At this point, if the child themselves wishes to receive sex education rather than be withdrawn, the school should make arrangements for this to happen in one of the three terms before the child turns 16 - the legal age of sexual consent.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 –family, friendship, safety (including online safety) – are important for all children to be taught.

If you wish to withdraw your child from all or part of the schools sex education programme, please email your child's class tutor or myself.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Thomson
PSHE lead