

Dear Parent/ Carer

In the next few weeks, students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will be taking part in a programme of sex and relationship education as part of their Key Stage 3 or GCSE Social & Religious Studies lessons.

While we use sex and relationship education to inform young people about sexual issues, we do this with regard to matters of morality and individual responsibility, and therefore in a way that allows young people to ask and explore moral questions. We do not use sex and relationship education as a means of promoting any form of sexual orientation.

Our sex and relationship education lessons follow a programme developed from the Christopher Winter Project (CWP). This is a well-respected and widely used programme taught nationally, and will be taught by their regular SRS teacher. A copy of our programme is available for inspection on request, and further information and details on the CWP can be found online at [www.CWP.org.uk](http://www.CWP.org.uk). A copy of the Academy's sex and relationship policy is also available on request.

Some parts of sex and relationship education are compulsory; these are part of the national curriculum for Science. Parents have the right to withdraw their children from all parts of the sex and relationship education provided at the Academy, except for those deemed as compulsory and included in the statutory national curriculum.

If you wish for your child to be withdrawn from all or some of the sex and relationship education programme provided through their SRS lessons, you should write to the Principal explaining which aspects you do not wish your child to participate in. The Academy always complies with the wishes of parents in this regard, and will provide appropriate sources of information for parents who wish to withdraw their children.

If you do wish to withdraw your child from certain aspects of sex and relationship education that are not included in the statutory national curriculum, then the Academy will make alternative arrangements for your child.

Please contact me to discuss any issues further, or to request details of our sex and relationship education programme or policy.

Yours sincerely



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