

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are sorry that you were unable to attend our Parent/Carer consultation regarding our Relationship and Sex Education curriculum, held on Tuesday 20/10/2021. We are writing to provide you with an overview of the key points discussed during this meeting.

As a part of your child's education here at Expanse, we promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education programme, giving young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live safe, healthy, and productive lives. Students in KS3 have dedicated PSHE lessons, whilst for students in KS4 (Years 10 and 11), this curriculum is delivered through an accredited programme called Personal Growth and Wellbeing (PGW). An essential aspect of PSHE/PGW is Relationships and Sex education (RSE) and so it is important that yourself and your child understands what this will entail and how this will be delivered.

RSE covers a wide variety of topics which have been classified as a **statutory requirement** for schools to deliver. These include: Healthy relationships (including friendships and intimate relationships); families; growing and changing (including puberty); personal hygiene; changing feelings; becoming more independent; keeping safe and consent; and developing self-esteem and confidence.

Your child will explore these topics through both their PSHE/PGW lessons and through sessions with a specialised service, Spectrum, who will be working with us to provide expert and impartial RSE content. Starting after the Christmas break, Spectrum will be coming into school to deliver sessions, which will be appropriate and relevant for the year group of your child. All teaching will take place in a safe learning environment and is underpinned by our school ethos and values.

As a parent/carer, you have the legal right to withdraw consent to the Sex education content of RSE, however the Relationship content is mandatory and will continue to be delivered. Consent withdrawal requests MUST be received in writing. Please note: your child can give their own consent to participate in Sex education sessions once they are 3 terms from their 16th birthday or are already 16.

Our RSE curriculum is monitored and reviewed regularly by the relevant staff and our RSE governor, Christine Galligan. As a school community, we are committed to working in partnership with parents; parental feedback has indicated that the overwhelming majority of parents continue to be highly supportive of the relationships and sex education programme and we hope that you feel confident in our approach to this.

If you would like to find out more or discuss any concerns, please do get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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