

Appendix A- Letter to Parents

Relationships Education – Right to Withdraw Letter for Parents and Carers

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may already be aware, Relationships Education is to become statutory in all primary schools from September 2020. We are pleased that this decision has been made as it means that all children will be able to learn about different relationships, different families, growing up, puberty and their changing bodies.

As previously stated the RSE curriculum consists of both statutory and non-statutory elements:

Parents **do** have the right to withdraw their children from the non-statutory/non-science components of sex education within RSE.

Parents **do not** have the right to withdraw their children from statutory relationships education, health education or the science curriculum.

The PSHE Association states,

‘Teaching about puberty before children experience it is essential to ensure that pupils’ physical, emotional and learning needs are met and that they have the correct information about how to take care of their bodies and keep themselves safe.’

Ofsted’s PSHE lead, Janet Palmer HMI, has said:

‘If pupils are kept ignorant of their human, physical and sexual rights... they are not being adequately safeguarded.’

In order to keep pupils safe, it is vital that they learn about puberty before it happens. NHS advice states that puberty can begin as early as 8 for girls and 9 for boys.

We aim to teach children about puberty in Years 5 and 6

However, we would urge any parents and carers considering withdrawing their child from these lessons to consider what is being taught, how it is being taught and how important this education is for all children.

Any children who are withdrawn from Sex Education lessons will have to be provided with alternative learning in another learning space.

Those considering withdrawing their child are asked to speak with the child’s class teacher in the first instance and if not satisfied to speak to Jane Bushell (Headteacher)

Appendix C: Parent Withdrawal Form



Parent form: withdrawal from sex education within RSE

To be Completed by Parents			
Name of Child		Class	
Name of Parent		Date	
Reason For Withdrawing from Sex Education within Relationships and Sex Education			
Any Other Information You Would Like the School to Consider			
Parent Signature			