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Dear Parent(s), Carer(s), Guardian(s),

Dear Parent/Carer/Guardian,

As of September 2020, Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) is now compulsory for secondary pupils.

Please be aware that the legislation has brought about some important changes in relation to parental rights to withdraw children from school RSHE:

- Parents are not able to withdraw their child from Relationships Education in secondary school.
- At secondary school level, parents can withdraw their child from Sex Education (other than the Sex Education which sits in the National Curriculum as part of Science in maintained schools). However, a child has the right to opt into sex education from their 15th birthday (specifically three academic terms before they turn 16)

During Years 7 to 11 all students currently follow a programme of PSHE/RSHE which meets all new statutory requirements. Please be assured that our programme ensures that all course content is age appropriate and delivered in a sensitive way. Please refer to our school website for further information regarding course content – the PSHE curriculum overview map can be accessed [here](#).

During the summer term all students in Years 7 to 10 will be following the Relationships unit and, as previously stated, parents have the right to withdraw their child from the sex education component of this course. **Should you wish your child to be withdrawn from some or all of these sessions please use the link [here](#)** so that alternative arrangements can be made for your child. Please be aware that trusted external partners will also deliver sessions as part of our programme of drop-down days which will build on the school's RSE programme. Further details will be provided separately. We will also ensure that your child does not attend these sessions should you exercise your right to withdraw from RSHE lessons.

Our RSHE partners – Split Banana will further outline how they work to complement the school curriculum at our forthcoming Parents' Forum on Friday April 19th but please do not hesitate to contact me in the meantime should you have any queries or concerns regarding the RSE component of the Pastoral Curriculum.

Yours faithfully,

Vanessa Turner
PSHE/RSE Lead



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