

Friday 12th May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

At the BJS Federation of Schools, we believe that promoting the health and well-being of our students is an important part of their overall education. We do this through our Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE) curriculum. This looks at many topics including all kinds of relationships, physical / emotional health and living in the wider world. The aim of the PSHCE curriculum is to help our students make safe and informed decisions during their school years and beyond.

Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) is an important part of the PSHCE curriculum. We will be teaching lessons about RSE, which will focus on relationships, the body, feelings, life cycles, people who can help, keeping safe online, health and puberty.

The teaching of **<u>Relationships</u>** Education is <u>statutory</u> as are some parts of the sex education curriculum, which are taught as part of Science and PSHCE.

We will be teaching these lessons during the summer term, after the half term break. During the sessions, students will be able to ask questions, which will be answered factually and, in an age appropriate manner. Each pupil's privacy will be respected, and no one will be asked to reveal personal information.

Parents can withdraw their children from the **<u>non-statutory</u>** aspects of Sex Education if they wish to do so. However, we believe that the presentation of images in social and other media make it important that all young people have a place to discuss pressures, check facts and dispel myths.

So that you can be fully informed about the RSE Curriculum and what is being taught at Stockwell, we will be holding a parent information morning on <u>Wednesday 24th May at</u> <u>9:15am</u> in the Main Hall.

If you do wish to wish to withdraw your child from the non-statutory Sex Education lessons, I strongly urge you to attend the information morning. After this, if you still wish to withdraw your child, please put this in writing to me.

Yours sincerely,

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