



22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

**Re: Relationships, Sexual and Health Education**

As you may already be aware Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) along with Health Education now forms part of the National Curriculum as of September 2020. At Arnold Hill Academy we call this RSHE (Relationships, Sexual and Health Education) As a result of COVID there is a delay in the required teaching start date, which is now the Summer Term in 2021.

As part of our Academy's wider Personal Development programme, your child will be receiving lessons on relationships, sexual health and personal safety. As an Academy with a relatively forward thinking curriculum, there isn't a great deal of change with this new implementation, nonetheless, you need to be aware of the changes.

The purpose of the upcoming curriculum is to provide knowledge and understanding of safe and healthy relationships based on respect. This is to encourage the development of safe and healthy relationships throughout life. The subject is designed to help children from all backgrounds build positive and safe relationships, and to thrive in modern Britain.

Schools are required to consult with parents when developing and reviewing their policies for Relationships Education and RSHE, which will inform schools' decisions on when and how certain content is covered. In the links below, you will find our new RSE policy and in Appendix 3 onwards you will see the curriculum content per year group. The resources we use to deliver these lessons are all age appropriate recommendations from the PSHE association.

Please complete the parent survey via the link below to share your feedback with us by Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

Link to the policy:

<http://arnoldhillacademy.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/AHA-Relationship-and-Sex-Education-RSE-Policy-2020-21.pdf>

Link to the parent survey:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeUDnQ1b8JEGxEPy4u80tqA2i7TUIhAMEuVFHtR7VtH3bqQg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeUDnQ1b8JEGxEPy4u80tqA2i7TUIhAMEuVFHtR7VtH3bqQg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Students are unable to withdraw from Relationships Education at secondary level. We believe the content of these subjects such as; family, friendship, safety (including online safety) are important for all children to be taught. However, we are confident you will share our enthusiasm for the successful implementation of the new Personal Development curriculum, which we feel will benefit all our students. You will find all the information you need on the right to withdraw, in Section 9 of the policy. There is also a parental withdrawal form in Appendix 3 of the policy.

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You do have a right to withdraw your child from sex education. However, we do not encourage this as we believe sex education at school with your peers is a valuable part of a young person's education. Sex education is delivered as part of RSHE in secondary schools which, unless there are exceptional circumstances, will be granted up to three terms before your child turns 16. At this point, if the child themselves wishes to receive sex education rather than be withdrawn, the school will make the arrangements for this to happen in one of the three terms before the child turns 16, which is the legal age of sexual consent.

If you would like to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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