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Dear Parents and Carers

Sex & Relationships Education

As you may be aware the government passed legislation requiring all schools to teach Relationships, Sex and Health Education. The new statutory requirements outline many aspects of Sex, Health and Relationships Education that I am sure we would all agree are absolutely crucial to young people growing up in modern Britain. For example, an understanding of what forms a healthy relationship, how to stay safe online and how to protect our mental health. An overview of what we teach when and our Sex and Relationships Education (SRE) policy are on our website.

Sex education is the only part of the new curriculum from which parents can chose to withdraw their children. I would urge parents to consider this carefully. We certainly do not promote any particular type of relationship and it is important for students to be able to make informed decisions and understand how to stay safe. The policy outlines the process should you wish to withdraw your child and can be found here: [Policies – Oldbury Academy](#). Children cannot be withdrawn from relationships education which includes work around healthy relationships and consent, nor from work on protected characteristics such as understanding LGBTQ+, the risk of discrimination and how we can reduce and avoid prejudice and discrimination by understanding rights and responsibilities. Similarly, health education covers puberty and changing bodies as children grow up.

The government has produced parent guides to the new curriculum in multiple languages, these can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

In year 8 we are beginning a part of the curriculum focused on age appropriate relationships and sex education. It includes the following: • Introducing sex and relationships education • Healthy Relationships • Dealing with conflict • Sexual orientation • Gender identity • What is love? • Periods & menstrual cycle.

If you have any questions or would like to come into school and meet please contact me on gemma.tillotson@oldburyacademy.org.uk or call 01215333750.

Yours sincerely



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