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Parental right to withdraw from elements of the PSHE Education curriculum

Dear Parent/Carer

As part of your child's education at Springwood High School, we promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education programme. PSHE Education is the curriculum subject that gives children the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live safe, healthy, productive lives and meet their full potential.

PSHE Education lessons will include topics such as healthy relationships, including friendships; families; growing and changing, including puberty; personal hygiene; changing feelings; becoming more independent; keeping safe; developing self-esteem and confidence. Pupils will also have opportunities to ask questions and discuss their views and opinions in a safe forum.

PSHE Education is taught across the school in every year group and is monitored and reviewed regularly by key staff and the school's governing body. Please visit the school's website: <https://www.springwoodhighschool.co.uk/> for more details about our PSHE Education curriculum.

A parent's right to withdraw their child from sex education has altered slightly and the new guidance from the Department of Education is as follows:

Parents/Guardians will have a right to withdraw their child from sex education delivered as part of curriculum in secondary schools which, unless there are exceptional circumstances, should be granted up to three terms before their child turns 16. At this point, if the child themselves wishes to receive sex education rather than be withdrawn, the school should make arrangements for this to happen in one of the three terms before the child turns 16 - the legal age of sexual consent.

Source: www.gov.uk

Should you wish to exercise this right, please contact me to arrange a meeting in order to discuss alternative arrangements. Parents do not have a right to withdraw their child from Health education, Relationships or any other aspect of the PSHE education curriculum. There is no right of withdrawal from the National Curriculum for Science which includes elements of sex education such as puberty and reproduction.

As a school community, we are committed to working in partnership with parents. Recent parental feedback has indicated that parents continue to be highly supportive of the relationships and sex education programme. If you would like further information or have any concerns, please contact me using the following email address: pshe@springwoodhighschool.co.uk.

Yours faithfully

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