



Dear Parents and Carers,

As a part of your child's education at Lake Haven 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 young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live safe, healthy, productive lives and meet their full potential. For children in KS3, we have chosen to use the resources from PSHE Association. Our reason for choosing this material is to ensure that the curriculum is thoroughly taught in an age appropriate manner with progression between the age ranges.

I just wanted to share with you some points about our PSHE and RSE curriculum.

All schools have received advice on the legal guidelines surrounding the withdrawal of pupils from sex education and how to communicate with yourselves about withdrawal.

There are a number of reasons why some parents may choose to withdraw their children from sex education elements of PSHE education. For many, having a good understanding of the importance of sex education (including its importance for keeping young people safe), familiarity with teaching approaches and resources to be used, and the opportunity to have your questions answered and concerns heard, are likely to reduce the chances of requesting to withdraw their child. However, it is

important that we are clear on the following, in order to manage circumstances where parents still wish to withdraw their child.

The new statutory regulations and guidance came into effect from September 2020.

The right of withdrawal from September 2020:

The statutory guidance for RSE and Health Education will come into effect in all secondary schools from 2020, including academies, free schools and **independent schools**.

In secondary education from September 2020:

- Parents **will not** be able to withdraw their child from any aspect of Relationships Education or Health Education.
- Parents **will** be able to withdraw their child (following discussion with the school) from any or all aspects of Sex Education, other than those which are part of the science curriculum, up to and until three terms before the age of 16.
- After that point, the guidance states that 'if the child wishes to receive sex education rather than be withdrawn, the school should make arrangements to provide the child with sex education during one of those terms.'
- Where pupils are withdrawn from sex education, schools should document the process and will have to 'ensure that the pupil receives appropriate, purposeful education during the period of withdrawal.'

PSHE education is taught throughout the school in every year group and is monitored and reviewed regularly by the staff and proprietary body. Please visit the school's website: www.lakehavenschool.co.uk for more detail about our PSHE curriculum.

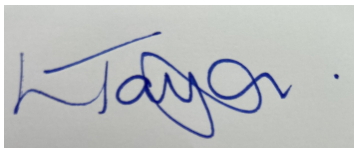
All PSHE teaching will take place in a safe learning environment and is underpinned by our school ethos and values.

As a school community, we are committed to working in partnership with parents; recent feedback from schools and parents that have used the resources from the PSHE Association, indicated that the overwhelming majority of parents continue to be highly supportive of the relationships and sex education programme.

During our parent evenings, we would like to invite you to find out more about what your child will learn, view the materials and resources being used in lessons and discover how you can best support your child to discuss these topics at home. We will keep you informed as to what topics will be discussed with your child so you can make an informed decision.

If you would like to find out more or discuss any concerns, we would urge you to attend the parent evening meeting and look forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lindsay Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

Lindsay Taylor
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