



Dear Parent/Carer

From the 5th June, after the May Half-Term holiday, Harris' PSHEE curriculum will move on to the statutory Relationships and Sexual Education (RSE) unit. The lessons in this unit have been designed in close accordance with the Department for Education guidelines on the topic, but we understand that it can be a source of anxiety for some.

Sex education is part of [statutory RSE as identified by the Department for Education](#). This is the only aspect of RSE that parents/carers can exercise their right to withdraw their child.

Parents have the right to withdraw their child from sex education (but not relationships education) up until 3 terms before the pupil's 16th birthday, whereafter pupils can choose to opt in. This does not include the sex education element which sits in the National Curriculum as part of science. More specifically, the sex education lessons that parents may withdraw their child from will focus on intimate and sexual relationships including sexual health.

If you are interested in seeing the Department for Education Outcomes that you are entitled to withdraw your child from, please click the link above to see the full policy document, and visit page 29 to see list of the government's desired outcomes. At Harris, these are not all taught in the same year, but rather spiral up through the key stages between years 7 to 11 in an age relevant and appropriate manner. As a school we promote the teaching of these outcomes and encourage parents to keep their children in these lessons.

As follows is the overview of the RSE lessons, per year group, in the coming weeks. Those dealing with specifically sex education, qualifying for the right to withdraw, have been marked with an asterisk.

Year 7:

Puberty *

Consent

Sexuality and Sex *

Sexting

Boundaries, Trust and Safety

Healthy Relationships

Year 8:

Gender and Sexuality

Child Sexual Exploitation - Grooming

Child Sexual Exploitation - Manipulative Relationships

Female Genital Mutilation (FGM, police advised sources)

Managing pressure

Stalking and Harassment

Looking after your health (STIs) *

Year 9:

Media Portrayal of Intimate Relationships *

Healthy Relationships (further)

Consent - Legal implications

Consent - Advice and scenarios

Looking after your health (Mental and Emotional)

Contraception - Introduction *

Sexual Health *

Year 10:

Consent in a relationship

Contraception for family planning *

Pregnancy *

Commitment and long-term relationships

Conflict within relationships

If any of the above lessons or topics raises any concern, or you wish to withdraw your child from some or all of the sexual education lessons, then please let us know via the Google Form attached here:

<https://forms.gle/DUtGFBmMurZ6gtqf9>

We hope that the information we have provided gives you the detail you require to make an informed decision as a parent. If you do choose to withdraw your child we will respect your decision.

Kind regards,

Mr Sam West

Lead of PSHEE