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Dear Parent/Carer

Relationships, Sex and Health Education

Schools have a statutory duty to teach Relationships, Sex and Health Education from the academic year beginning in September 2021. Relationships and Sex Education aims to give young people the information they need to help them develop healthy, nurturing relationships of all kinds. Health Education aims to give young people the information they need to make good decisions about their own health and wellbeing.

The majority of the Relationships, Sex and Health Education content will be delivered at The Nicholas Hamond Academy through the LOOL curriculum, Tutor time PSHE session and the Curriculum Days. This will be supported by teaching in additional subject areas, where specialisms allow specific content to be integrated into teaching. Topics will be revisited and interleaved over academic years, in order to promote the long-term learning of students. Parents/carers have the right to request that their child is withdrawn from Sex Education lessons delivered in secondary school. The Principal will consider this request and discuss it with parents/carers and will grant this in all but exceptional circumstances. Within three school terms of a child turning 16, they can choose to receive Sex Education if they would like to, and the academy should arrange for them to receive this teaching in one of these three terms, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Children cannot be withdrawn from the Health Education or Relationships Education element of Relationships and Sex Education.

As part of the process of implementation of these changes to the curriculum, schools are required to consult with parents/carers about the implementation of the teaching of Relationships, Sex and Health Education. As such, a form requesting comments has also been attached to this letter. I would be grateful if you could use this form to return any comments via your child's form tutor by 13 December 2021 as part of a collation, review and action of feedback as appropriate. Whilst the content of Relationships, Sex and Health Education is fixed by government, schools do have flexibility to deliver the content in a way that is age and developmentally appropriate and sensitive to the needs and religious backgrounds of its pupils. I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you the whole of the PSHE curriculum we intend to deliver across the academic year by Year Group, so that you as parents/carers can be engaged with the topics if you wish to, this can be found via our website: <https://tnha.atrust.org.uk/curriculum/subjects/phse/>

I would also like to highlight that we have planned to deliver the majority of the more sensitive topics on Curriculum Days (a separate letter set last week) gives exact details of what will be taught on those days, to enable you to be reassured in regards to our approach.

Yours faithfully

Mrs K. Warnes
Director of Pastoral Care

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