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Y11 Relationships and Sex Education Curriculum

Dear Y11 Parents / Carers,

At KAA we are committed to educating your child with the knowledge and skills they need to be successful in later life, both academically and in their wider social and emotional welfare. As part of your child's education, we promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education program.

I am writing to let you know that, in Spring 1, our PSHE lessons across the whole school, will cover Relationships and Sex Education. In year 11, this all includes a Drop-Down Day on Wednesday 24th January. The key questions we will be covering in lessons and as part of the Drop-Down Day are:

- What does it mean to be married?
- What is a committed relationship?
- How can a relationship be emotionally abusive?
- What is law about domestic violence?
- What is incel culture?
- How to keep a relationship free from abuse?
- What does the law say about consent?
- **Am I clear on what consent is?**
- **Do I know how to protect my sexual health (contraception and STIs)?**

Our students are growing up in an increasingly complex world. They have many exciting opportunities ahead of them and it is our desire to equip them to navigate these opportunities safely and successfully. As an academy, we are committed to the Equality Act of 2010; we have a statutory responsibility to deliver lessons that educate about, and challenge discrimination to anyone on the grounds of "age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation." Please be assured that the lessons have been planned to reflect the breadth of views within our student community and to ensure that students learn that respectful debate is healthy and productive. You can access the lesson content [here](#).

The Department of Education has made the teaching of RSE compulsory for all schools. According to the government's new legislation, parents have the right to withdraw their child from the Sex Education lessons, but are not able to withdraw him/her from any aspects of the Relationships or Health Education. The questions highlighted in **red** refer to times when students will learn about Sex Education. If you would like to request to withdraw your child, please email me at j.vines@kaa.org.uk and I will provide more information. Further guidance is available here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education-fqs>.

As a school community, we are committed to working in partnership with parents, parental feedback has indicated that the overwhelming majority of parents continue to be highly supportive of the relationships and sex education lessons. To further this partnership, I would like to invite you to our **Relationships and Sex Education Coffee Morning on Wednesday 10th January** if you would like to hear more about the RSE curriculum at KAA and to answer any questions you may have. To sign-up please complete this form: <https://forms.gle/oZ4OkDTPH6udNBWk7>

If you would like to find out more or discuss any concerns, we are more than happy to for you to contact us directly via the email addresses provided below.

Best wishes,

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