

11th September 2020

Ref: KEC001 – RSHE letter – LFN

Dear Parent/Carer,

As a part of your child's education at The Key Education Centre, we are statutory obliged to deliver lessons that will focus on relationship, sex and health education (RSHE). From September 2020, RSHE (sometimes referred to as RSE and Health Education) will compulsory in all state-funded secondary schools.

At The Key, these lessons will be delivered predominantly through our Life Skills curriculum but will also feature within our tutor time programme and other subjects within our curriculum offer.

RSHE lessons at The Key will include teaching about: *Healthy relationships, including friendships and intimate relationships; families; growing and changing, including puberty; personal hygiene; changing feelings; becoming more independent; keeping safe and consent; sex education; developing self-esteem and confidence.* Pupils will also have opportunities to ask questions that help prepare them for relationships of all kinds in the modern world.

RSHE education must be delivered to pupils in every year group and is monitored and reviewed regularly by the staff and governing body. Please visit the school's website: www.thekeyeducationcentre.co.uk for more detail about our RSHE curriculum. All RSHE teaching will take place in a safe learning environment and is underpinned by our school ethos and values.

Parents of secondary age pupils have the right to request that their child be withdrawn from some or all of sex education delivered as part of statutory RSE; this does not include any content delivered as part of the science curriculum. Please note that parents can request to withdraw a pupil, up to and until three terms before the child turns 16. After that point, if the child wishes to receive sex education rather than be withdrawn, the school should make arrangements to provide the child with sex education during one of those terms.

You can find a statement from the secretary of state at the following web address:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education/foreword-by-the-secretary-of-state>

In line with government guidance we would like to invite parents to an online consultation on Tuesday 15th September at 2:30pm. Please use the following link to join the meeting: <https://meet.google.com/csz-bqtn-rti?hs=122&authuser=0>

If you have any concerns about the content of the RSHE curriculum, please contact the school to discuss.

Yours sincerely,



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