



6<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

**RE: RSE and Health Education at The de Ferrers Academy**

Government guidelines outline that, from the age of 11, it is compulsory for all schools to provide an RSE and health education curriculum.

At our academy, we believe that it is important to provide our students with a thorough and balanced curriculum, including age-appropriate information about sex and relationships.

The details of what will be taught to the various year groups is detailed in the academy's Relationship, Sex and Health Education Policy, which can be accessed on our website <https://www.deferrers.com>. You can request a hard copy, please telephone 01283 247750 or email [office@deferrers.com](mailto:office@deferrers.com)

Though schools must provide RSE and health education for students from the age of 11, up until the age of 19, as parents, you are entitled to request that your child be removed from sex education lessons up to and until three terms before they turn 16-years-old. After that point, if your child wishes to receive sex education, the academy will make arrangements to provide them with sex education during one of those terms.

Requests for withdrawal should be submitted in writing to Miss Rogers, Director of Learning Ethics, who will discuss this with you and your child's form tutor, and determine an appropriate substitute for these lessons.

If you have any concerns or queries about your child's participation in these lessons, please do not hesitate to contact the academy via email [office@deferrers.com](mailto:office@deferrers.com)

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K D Hardy  
Principal

Miss Rogers  
Director of Learning Ethics

