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Dear Parents/Carers

As part of the PSHE curriculum, students in Year 8 and Year 9 work on Relationships and Sex Education; this covers the topics of healthy and unhealthy relationships, contraception, different types of relationships and sexually transmitted infections (including HIV and AIDS).

In term 5, all Year 8 students will be starting the first modules of work in PSHE from the Relationships and Sex Education programme. This will include different types of relationships, consent, healthy relationships and contraception.

As students' progress into Year 9 they look at what constitutes an unhealthy relationship, the law, sexually transmitted infections (including HIV and AIDS) and the issues surrounding pornography with young people.

Under current legislation, you have the right to withdraw your child from the sex education lessons. However, your child will still be part of the relationship's aspect of this course. If you wish this to be the case, then please inform the school before Friday 4th April. If we do not hear from you, we will presume you are happy for your child to be involved in such sessions.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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