



23rd January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Government guidelines outline that from the age of 11, it is compulsory for all schools to provide a relationship and sex education programme.

At Edward Worlledge Ormiston Academy we believe that it is important to provide our pupils 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 Education and Health Education policy*, which can be accessed on our school website or in hard copy via our office.

Though schools must provide sex and relationship education for pupils from the age of 11, up until the age of 19, only aspects of the science national curriculum are compulsory for pupils to learn. Therefore, as parents/carers, you are entitled to request that your child be removed from relationships and sex (RSE) education lessons.

Such requests should be submitted to me, the principal, who will discuss this with you and your child's teacher and determine an appropriate substitute for these lessons. In most instances, children will be provided with self-directed reading or exercises which they can complete under the supervision of a trainee teacher.

If you have any concerns or queries about your child's participation in these lessons, please do not hesitate to contact either me or your child's class teacher to discuss these.

Any requests for removal are required by **Friday 2nd February 2024**.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Honey
Principal