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Dear Parent/Carer

RSE and Health Education at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School

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 school, 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 detail of what will be taught to the various year groups is shown in the school's RSE and Health Education Policy, which can be accessed on our school website, or in hard copy via Reception in school.

Though schools must provide RSE and health education for students from the age of 11, up until the age of 19, only aspects of this and the science national curriculum are compulsory for students to learn. Therefore, 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 school will make arrangements to provide them with sex education during one of those terms.

Requests for withdrawal should be submitted in writing to myself, Mr Bawden, who will discuss this with you and your child's teacher and determine an appropriate course of action.

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

Yours faithfully

Mr Bawden – **Curriculum Leader for PSHE RSE**

Mr Amps – **Deputy Headteacher**