

10th September 2024
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Dear Parents/Carers

As a part of your child's PSHE education at The Malling School, we promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive curriculum, based on the statutory guidance from the DFE. PSHE education is the curriculum subject that gives young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live safe, healthy, productive lives and meet their full potential.

I am writing to let you know that, during year 12, your child's form group will be taking part in lessons which will focus on the relationships and sex education (RSE) aspect of this programme. RSE lessons in year 12 will include teaching about:

- Consent
- Prejudice and discrimination
- Sexual norms and expectations
- Consent around the world
- Violence
- Investigating sexual assault
- Online safety

We will also be covering healthy lifestyle topics which will include checking for illness and will cover how to check for signs of cancer. This will include the following videos;

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-RyJgflmNG4> this is a live recording of ITV 'this morning' where a celebrity undergoes a testicular exam
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EySCUG5q0X8> this is a live recording of ITV 'this morning' where a person undergoes a breast exam.

Pupils will also have opportunities to ask questions that help prepare them for relationships of all kinds in the modern world. PSHE education is taught throughout the school in every year group and is monitored and reviewed regularly by the staff and governing body. Please visit the school's website:

<https://www.themallingschool.kent.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=513&type=pdf> for more detail about our PSHE curriculum. All PSHE teaching takes place in a safe learning environment and is underpinned by our school ethos and values.

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from the non-statutory/non-science components of sex education within RSE up to and until 3 terms before the child turns 16. After this point, if the child wishes to receive sex education rather than being withdrawn, the school will arrange this. If you would like to opt your child out of the RSE content being delivered, please put this in writing using the form found in appendix 1 of the school's RSE policy found here:

<https://www.themallingschool.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Policies&pid=31> and should be addressed to the Headteacher. The Headteacher or other relevant member of senior leadership will discuss the request with parents and take appropriate action. Alternative work will be given to pupils who are withdrawn from sex education.

If you would like to find out more or discuss any concerns, please email me; barnesc@themallingschool.kent.sch.uk. We will be running a parent focus group later in the year to gain some parental feedback on our RSE provision.

Yours sincerely,



Miss C Barnes
Sixth Form Pastoral Leader

