



ORMISTON SIX VILLAGES ACADEMY



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Dear Parents and Carers

PSHE Education

You will be aware that, as a part of your child's educational experience at Ormiston Six Villages Academy, we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive taught programme of Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education that gives young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, productive and fulfilled lives, both now and in the future. I am writing to let you know that, throughout the year, your child will be taking part in lessons which will focus on Relationships and Sex Education (RSE).

Relationship Education lessons will include pupils learning about the following topics:

- Years 7 and 8: Healthy and unhealthy relationships including bullying and peer pressure, different types of families, managing online relationships, menstruation and puberty, self-esteem and romance, consent, body image and gender discrimination, relationship/domestic abuse, managing conflict, sexual orientation, marriage and divorce, sharing explicit images ('sexting'), forced marriage.
- Years 9, 10 and 11: Healthy and unhealthy relationships, managing online relationships, self-esteem and romance, consent, contraception, the effects of pornography on relationship expectations, sexual harassment, parenting skills, relationship myths, relationship/domestic abuse, managing conflict, marriage and divorce, sexually transmitted infections, sharing explicit images ('sexting'), forced marriage and bereavement.

This is part of our school's PSHE education programme which is taught throughout the school in every year group and is monitored and reviewed regularly by the staff and governing body. For more detail about our PSHE curriculum offer, please visit the school's website, <https://www.ormistonsixvillagesacademy.co.uk/policies>, where you can access our Relationships and Sex Education policy. All teaching of PSHE will take place in a safe learning environment and be underpinned by our school ethos and values. A variety of opportunities will be provided for pupils to ask questions in order to prepare them for relationships in the modern world.

As a school community, we are committed to working in partnership with parents. To support you in continuing these important discussions at home, we will provide links to helpful websites and advice that relate to issues covered in school. These will be in some of our newsletters throughout the year. We will also be holding a Parent's Forum later in the year, where you can find out much more about our PSHE curriculum and ask questions.

Ormiston Six Villages Academy respects the legal right of parents/carers to withdraw their child from sexual education portions of the RSE programme, however there is no right to withdraw from relationships education and we believe the content of this subject – such as family, friendship, safety (including online safety) – are important for all children to be taught. If you wish for your child to be withdrawn from RSE lessons, you should put in writing which aspects of the programme you do not wish their child to participate in and send this to the academy addressed to the PSHE Coordinator.

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Before granting any such request the PSHE Coordinator/ Assistant Principal / Principal will discuss the request with you and, where appropriate, with the child to ensure that your wishes are understood and to clarify the nature and purpose of the curriculum. We will document this process to ensure a record is kept. If you have any concerns or queries about your child's participation in these lessons, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E Clements', written in a cursive style.

Miss E Clements

PSHE Coordinator

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