



Dear Parent/Carer,

As you may be aware, there is a statutory requirement for all schools, including academies, to provide its students with Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education. Here at Ark Alexandra Academy, this will be predominantly covered during our Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSCHE) Education lessons.

To comply with the new statutory requirements, we have updated our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Policy. This policy is available on our school website under the policies section. We invite you to read this policy and provide feedback and raise any queries that you may have.

To accompany this letter, we invite you to attend an MS Teams meeting with Mrs C Iglinski on the 29th September where she will be presenting on this issue. We invite you to take the time to view this presentation as it provides greater information and detail about the coverage of RSE and PSHE at Ark Alexandra Academy. We will also invite you to give feedback on our RSE curriculum and raise any queries about the content of the presentation that you may have.

[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

Parents right to withdraw their child from sex education

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from the **non-statutory/non-science components of sex education*** within RSE up to, and until three 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 After this point, if the child wishes to receive sex education rather than being withdrawn, the school will arrange this.

Withdrawal requests should be put in writing using the 'RSE Withdrawal Form'. A copy of the form is available from the school office. Forms should be returned to the office and addressed to the Assistant Principal Personal Development and Well-being Ms S. Butters.

A copy of withdrawal requests will be placed in the pupil's educational record. The Lead Teacher for PSHE will discuss the request with parents and take appropriate action. In most cases, you will be asked to attend a meeting to discuss your child's withdrawal from RSE.

Alternative work will be given to pupils who are withdrawn from sex education.

***Parents should note that they do not have a right to withdraw their child from relationships education or any other part of the PSHE programme, only sex education.** If you do not contact us to arrange a withdrawal, we will assume that you consent to all elements of RSE for your child. Any previous requests to withdraw from RSE will no longer be in place.

Should you wish to discuss the contents of this letter, the RSE policy or the content of the 'RSE Parent Presentation' please send an email info@arkalexandra.org or contact the school office to speak to Miss Butters.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Butters'.

Miss S Butters
Assistant Principal

Principal: Mr L Collins
Regional Associate Principal: Ms V Cockram
Network Associate Principal: Mr J Scafe