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Dear Parents/Carers

As part of your child's education at Wexham School, we are committed to promoting personal well-being and development through a comprehensive Personal, Social, Health, and Economic (PSHE) education programme. This curriculum aims to equip young people with the knowledge, understanding, attitudes, and practical skills they need to live safe, healthy, and productive lives, reaching their full potential.

I am writing to inform you that, over the next seven weeks beginning Tuesday, 7th January, your Year 10 child will be participating in lessons focused on the Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) component of our PSHE programme. These lessons are designed to provide students with essential knowledge and skills to make safe and informed decisions.

The RSE lessons will cover the following topics:

- **Contraception**
- **Conception and pregnancy**
- **The law**
- **Choices**
- **Job description of a parent**
- **Costs of parenting**
- **A day in the life of a baby**

These lessons form an integral part of our commitment to delivering a comprehensive education that supports students' well-being and personal development. All content will be delivered in a safe and supportive environment and aligned with the values of Wexham School.

PSHE education is taught across all year groups at Wexham School, with content regularly monitored and reviewed by staff and the governing body. For more information about our curriculum, please visit our website at [Wexham School - Curriculum].

Right to Withdraw from Sex Education in RSE

In line with government guidelines introduced in September 2020, parents have the right to withdraw their child from specific sex education lessons delivered as part of the RSE curriculum in secondary schools. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, this right may be exercised up to three terms before your child turns 16. After this point, if your child wishes to participate in sex education, the school will make arrangements for them to do so during one of the three terms before they reach the legal age of sexual consent (16).

However, please note that **there is no right to withdraw from Relationships Education** at the secondary level. Topics such as puberty, family, friendship, and safety (including online safety) are considered essential for all students.

We are confident that you share our commitment to implementing the PSHE curriculum, which will benefit all students. If you would like to discuss the RSE programme further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



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