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Dear Parent or Carer,

As part of your child’s educational experience at Slough and Eton, we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive programme of Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education. This gives young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live a safe, healthy, productive and fulfilled life, both now and in the future.

I am writing to let you know that from Tuesday 4th January 2022, your child’s class will be taking part in lessons which will focus on the relationship and sex education (RSE) aspect of this programme. 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 and the link to our policy, please visit the school’s website: <https://www.slougheton.com/curriculum/pshe> ;

The aim of RSE is to give young people the information they need to help them develop healthy, nurturing relationships of all kinds. RSE focuses on the emotional and mental side of intimate relationships and ensures students are given the knowledge and understanding on how to make the right decisions for the future.

Below is an example of what is taught in each year group.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Self-esteem, family, romance and friendships. Understanding boundaries and consent. (students only learn about relationships in Year 7)	Introduction to sexuality and consent. Sexting, sexual orientation and transgenderism.	Healthy relationships and consent. Contraception, risks of STIs, sexting and inappropriate images. Teenage pregnancy.	Tackling relationship myths and expectations. Consent, victim blaming, sexual harassment/assault and impacts of pornography.	Personal values and assertive communication in relationships. Unwanted attention, sexual harassment and stalking.

All teaching in PSHE will take place in a safe learning environment and will be underpinned by our school ethos and values. A variety of opportunities will be provided for students to ask questions in order to prepare them for relationships in the modern world.

The right to be excused from sex education (commonly referred to as the right to withdraw).

Parents/carers have the right to request that their child is withdrawn from some or all of sex education delivered as part of statutory RSE. Before granting any such request the Headteacher will consider the request of parents/carers and, as appropriate, with the child to ensure that their wishes are understood and to clarify the nature and purpose of the curriculum. Please use **Weduc** to complete the RSE Withdrawal Form if you do not want your child to take part in these lessons. As a school community, we are committed to working in partnership with parents/carers. If you would like to find out more or discuss any concerns, we would urge you to contact the school before the start of the lessons.

Yours sincerely,

Miss S Ranu
PSHE coordinator



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