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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Relationship and Sex Education

We believe that promoting the health and well-being of our pupils is an important part of their overall education. We do this through our Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) curriculum. This looks at many topics including relationships, both physical and emotional health and living in the wider world.

At this point in year 11, in line with government guidance, it is important that students have all the information that they need to live a safe and fulfilled life in society. Therefore, in January we will be looking at the topics of;

- Relationships and the law (consent, upskirting, harassment etc.)
- Contraception
- Portrayal of sex in the media

We know that the presentation of sexual images in social and other media make it important that all young people have a place to discuss pressures, check facts and dispel myths. Even if a child is withdrawn, many pupils will discuss such issues with each other outside the classroom – so, rather than hear about the content second-hand, we hope all pupils will have the opportunity to take part in our carefully planned lessons.

During the lessons pupils will be able to ask questions, which will be answered factually and in an age-appropriate manner. Each pupil's privacy will be respected, and no one will be asked to reveal personal information.

You have a right to withdraw your child from sex education up to three terms before your child turns 16. However, in Year 11 if the child themselves wishes to receive sex education rather than be withdrawn they can do this.

Due to the nature and importance of these topics It is therefore the expectation that all students will be in these lessons. If you have any questions or concerns about the content, please email your concerns to Miss Rooney at the following email address, post@bournville.fmat.co.uk.



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You may find that your child starts asking questions about the topic at home, or you might want to take the opportunity to talk to your child about issues before the work is covered in school. Please find the RSE policy on our school website for more information.

<u>Relationship-Education-Relationship-and-Sex-Education-policy.pdf</u> (bournvilleschool.org)

The curriculum plans for all subjects including PSHE can be found here.

Curriculum – Bournville School

You may also like the chance to comment on the RSE curriculum, the parent consultation survey can be found here.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=HnypklpiskmKnVw6Paee-1K08csAvYhGgpiHLi_ozCtUMTZXWFBBTkxVQzNCMDZZTDBaSFk2TDJWTC4u

Yours sincerely,

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