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Ref: SLT17/EC/ltc/dc

Dear Parent/Guardian

At Wellington School we deliver a detailed and comprehensive Personal Relationships and Sex Education Programme in line with Government Statutory Framework. The programme is taught within Science, Personal Social and Health Education and Religious Education. We also have several themed days that are held throughout the year to enhance the curriculum.

Sex Education at Wellington is taught within a school philosophy which aims to:

- encourage personal responsibility in all forms of behaviour
- encourage self-esteem
- encourage respect and consideration for others
- provide support and information for young people and their parents

Sex Education provides knowledge as well as the acquisition of skills and attitudes which will allow pupils to manage their lives in a responsible and healthy way.

#### a) Sex education contained in the Science National Curriculum

##### Key Stage 3: (Years 7, 8, 9)

Pupils should be taught

- about the physical and emotional changes that take place during adolescence;
  - the human reproductive system, including the menstrual cycle and fertilisation;
  - how the foetus develops in the uterus, including the role of the placenta.

##### Key Stage 4: (Years 10, 11)

- that sexual reproduction is a source of genetic variation, while asexual reproduction produces clones.

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**b) Sex Education contained within the Personal Social and Health Education programme.**

**Key Stage 3: (Years 7, 8, 9)**

- Puberty, personal safety, friendship and love, family life and relationships
- Gender issues
- Conception and birth, contraception, sexually transmitted diseases, sexual lifestyles, HIV/AIDS, safer sex - Helping agencies, sex and the law, life stage - Child exploitation and staying safe. The law surrounding Consent.

**Key Stage 4: (Years 10, 11) (Delivered through dedicated themed days)**

- birth processes, abortion, early parenting
- prejudice and stereotyping
- helping agencies
- Child exploitation and staying safe.

KS3 PSHE is delivered at various points throughout the year during themed off timetable events. Under the Education Act 1993, pupils can be withdrawn by their parents from part or all of the sex education that is outside the compulsory elements of sex education contained in the Science National Curriculum. This is only allowed if the child is under the age of 15.

Parents wanting to exercise this right are invited to contact myself.

Once a child has been withdrawn they cannot take part in sex education until the request for withdrawal has been removed.

Sex education materials will be available to parents who wish to deliver sex education to their children at home.

Should you wish to discuss the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully



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