

RSE, PARENTS RIGHT FOR WITHDRAWAL

Dear respected parent / guardian,

As you may already be aware, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), along with Health Education, has formed part of the National Curriculum. This change begins as of September 2020

As part of our schools wider Personal, Social and Health Education Programme (PSHE), your child will receive lessons on Relationships, sexual health and personal safety

Schools are required to consult with parents when developing and reviewing their policies for Relationships Education and RSE, which will inform schools' decisions on when and how certain content is covered.

The purpose of the curriculum is to provide knowledge and understanding of safe and healthy relationships based on respect. This is to encourage the development of safe and healthy relationships throughout life. The subject is designed to help children from all backgrounds build positive and safe relationships and to thrive in modern Britain

You do have a right to withdraw your child from sex education delivered as part of RSE, unless there are exceptional circumstances, will be granted up to three terms before your child turns 16. At this point, if the child themselves wishes to receive sex education rather than be withdrawn, the school should make arrangements for this to happen in one of the three terms before the child turns 16 – the legal age of sexual consent

There is no right to withdraw from Relationships Education at secondary level and we believe the content of these subjects – such as family, friendship, safety (including online safety) – are important for all children to be taught. However, we are confident you will share our enthusiasm for the successful implementation of the new PSHE curriculum, which we feel will benefit all of our students.

Please see second page for the content/topics that will be taught and under which curriculum they fall under

JazakAllah

The following topics will be taught in year 8 and 9 (KS3 and KS4, these topics will be covered under the PSHE, Science and Religious Studies Curriculums:

1. The concepts of, and laws relating to, sexual consent, sexual exploitation, abuse, grooming, coercion, harassment, rape, domestic abuse, forced marriage, honour-based violence, and FGM, and how these can affect current and future relationships
2. How people can actively communicate and recognise consent from others, including sexual consent, and how and when consent can be withdrawn (in all contexts, including online)
3. Recognise characteristics and positive aspects of healthy one-to-one intimate relationships, which include mutual respect, consent, loyalty, trust, shared interests and outlook, sex and friendships
4. All aspects of health can be affected by choices they make in sex and relationships, positively or negatively, e.g. physical, emotional, mental, sexual and reproductive health and wellbeing
5. Facts about reproductive health, including fertility, and the potential impact of lifestyle on fertility for men and women and menopause
6. Range of strategies for identifying and managing sexual pressure, including understanding peer pressure, resisting pressure and not pressurising others
7. Choice to delay sex or to enjoy intimacy without sex
8. Facts about the full range of contraceptive choices, efficacy and options available
9. Facts around pregnancy including miscarriage
10. Choices in relation to pregnancy (with medically and legally accurate, impartial information on all options, including keeping the baby, adoption, abortion and where to get further help)
11. Different Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs), including HIV/AIDs, are transmitted, how risk can be reduced through safer sex (including through condom use) and the importance of and facts about testing
12. Prevalence of some STIs, the impact they can have on those who contract them and key facts about treatment
13. How the use of Alcohol and Drugs can lead to risky sexual behaviour
14. How to get further advice, including how and where to access confidential sexual and reproductive health advice and treatment

IMPORTANT:

If you do not wish for your child to participate in the RSE Programme that covers Sex Education at Al Jamiatul Islamiyah, please contact our Darul Uloom on:

Contact number: 01204 62622

Office Hours: Monday to Friday 8:15 – 15:00, Saturday 9:00 – 12:15

Email: teachingandlearning@boltondarululoom.org.uk

Alternatively fill in the following form and return back to us at: **Al Jamiatul Islamiyah, Willows Lane, Bolton, BL3 4HF.**

RSE PROGRAMME CONSENT FORM	
CHILD'S NAME	
CLASS	

RSE PROGRAMME	YES	NO
I give consent for my child to participate in the RSE programme at AJI as part of their PSHE Curriculum		
I understand that I may request information on the topics covered at school at any time from my child's teacher		

PARENTS NAME	
SIGNATURE	
DATE	