

Dear Parent / Carer

As you may already be aware, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), along with Health Education are now part of the National Curriculum. As part of Summerhill's Global learning programme, your child will soon receive lessons on relationships, sexual health and personal safety.

The purpose of the curriculum is to provide knowledge and understanding of 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 relationships and thrive in modern Britain. An overview of the lesson content can be found on the Summerhill website.

We believe that the content delivered as part of our RSE programme is important learning for all children. However, if you would prefer that your child is not included in some/all of our RSE programme, please note:

- You do have the right to request that your child is withdrawn from sex education delivered as part of RSE in secondary schools. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, this will be granted up to three terms before your child's 16th birthday. If your child is older than this and wishes to receive sex education rather than be withdrawn, the school will make arrangements for this to happen before the legal age of consent.
- There is no right for students to be withdrawn from sex education which forms part of the national curriculum for science.
- There is no right to withdraw from relationships education in secondary schools.

We are confident you will share our enthusiasm for the successful implementation of the new RSE curriculum, which we feel will benefit all of our students. You are welcome to contact us to discuss the programme further.

Yours sincerely,

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