

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Year 8 Relationships and Sex Education

This half term in Learning for Life lessons, Year 8 will be studying relationships and sex. This programme has been carefully structured to build upon their learning in years 5,6 and 7 and the main objectives are outlined below:

Within the personal well-being strand, pupils will receive relationships and sex education (RSE). All RSE is delivered in a sensitive and age appropriate manner. In Year 7 pupils looked at different views of relationships and sex, whilst Year 8 pupils will look at relationships and sex in the media (including social media), bullying and pregnancy as well as other important issues linked to this topic (contraception, abortion, parenting and healthy eating during pregnancy).

Children are taught within mixed gender groups and a variety of teaching resources are available.

There are certain topics about which children are curious which we may not be able to address during these lessons as we are constrained by government guidance about what it is permissible for teachers to discuss in Year 8. When this happens, we advise children to discuss their questions with their parents/carers at home.

If you would like further information about the content of this course, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Pierce, the Learning for Life coordinator. Parents have the right to withdraw their children from all or part of the RSE programme. However, the rationale for teaching this subject at Ipsley CE RSA Academy is to help and support children and young people through their physical, emotional and moral development at this most important time of their lives.

Yours sincerely,

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