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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Relationship and Sex Education Curriculum

At Oasis Academy Leesbrook, we are proud to deliver a diverse and fully comprehensive Character and Personal Development package for our students.

Following the information event that we hosted last academic year that saw parents attending to find out more about the new statutory requirements for Relationships and Sex Education, we are writing to you to inform you that we will be delivering age-appropriate elements of the Relationship and Sex Education curriculum for Year 11 in the coming half-term. This will be delivered by Family Leaders within Family Time as part of our Blended Character Curriculum. The curriculum map for this unit can be accessed on the school website or by clicking [here](#). The topics that we will be discussing and learning about will be sexual and reproductive health, pregnancy, contraception, and family planning services. We will also address the problems linked with consent and the pornography industry and the impact of pornography on society (please note – pornography is referred to and defined but never shown).

The DfE has introduced new guidelines for the delivery of RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) as part of the PSHE programme. The information for this guidance can be read here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/907640/RSE_secondary_schools_guide_for_parents.pdf

RSE consists of Relationships, Sex and Health Education. Your child cannot be excused from Health Education or the Relationships Education element of Relationships and Sex Education because it is important that all children receive this content, but you may request to withdraw them from Sex Education lessons if they are **more** than 3 school terms away from their 16th Birthday. You will need to request a form and contact Mrs Ridley who will discuss this with you further. Once received, the Principal will consider this request.

The delivery of RSE also forms a key strand of the inspection framework for all schools who are judged on *“developing pupils’ age-appropriate understanding of healthy relationships through appropriate relationship and sex education”*.

In addition we have an Oasis Trust policy which follows the DfE guidance of the delivery of RSE which can be read here: [Sex and Relationships Education Policy.pdf \(finalsite.com\)](#)

If you have any concerns or queries that you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs A Ridley who will be more than happy to meet with you.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Ridley
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