

# HOLBROOK ACADEMY



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28<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Dear Parent / Carer,

National guidance from the DfES (Sex and Relationship Education Guidance, published in July 2000), advises that all Schools and Academies should deliver Sex and Relationships Education (SRE) to young people through their physical, emotional and moral development. Formal SRE will be taught through your child's compulsory science lessons, however, we will now also be delivering SRE during PSHE and curriculum drop down days. Holbrook Academy is now required to provide parents with notice "where courses of study, educational programmes or instructional materials, or instruction or exercise include subject matter that deals primarily and explicitly with sexual education, human sexuality or sexual orientation".

The programme aims to enable students to make well informed, healthy choices and to develop behaviours that contribute to the well-being of themselves and others. Three general outcomes serve as the foundation for SRE. These are wellness choices, relationship choices and life-long learning choices.

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017, all students in Year 9 will be involved in an SRE drop down day and will be taken off their normal timetable.

Your child will be taught how to recognise and accept that individuals experience different rates of physical, emotional, sexual and social development; determine the signs, methods and consequences of various types of abuse; identify and describe the responsibilities and consequences associated with involvement in a sexual relationship; describe symptoms, effects, treatments and prevention for common sexually transmitted diseases; identify and describe basic types of contraceptives. Your child will also be given information on the LGBTQ community and explore healthy and unhealthy relationships.

Specialist staff, Dee Chipperfield (School Nurse) and myself will work with the students throughout the day.

If you do not wish for your child to participate in the SRE drop down day please inform the Academy in writing by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

If you have any queries, please contact me via the Academy office.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Le Marrec  
Pastoral Manager