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Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Relationships and Sex Education**

We believe that promoting the health and well-being of our pupils is an important part of their overall education. We do this through our Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education Programme JIGSAW. This looks at many topics including relationships, physical / emotional health and living in the wider world. The aim of JIGSAW is to help our pupils make safe and informed decisions during their school years and beyond.

Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) is an important part of the PSHE course. We will be teaching lessons about RSE across the year. During the course, pupils will be able to ask questions, which will be answered factually and in an age appropriate manner. Each pupil's privacy will be respected, and no one will be asked to reveal personal information.

Some parts of RSE are compulsory - these are part of the National Curriculum for Science. Parents can withdraw their children from other parts of RSE if they wish to do so – see Appendix 1. However, we believe that the presentation of sexual images in social and other media make it important that all young people have a place to discuss pressures, check facts and dispel myths. Even if a child is withdrawn, many pupils will discuss such issues with each other outside the classroom – so, rather than hear about the content second-hand, we hope all children will have the opportunity to take part in our carefully planned lessons.

Many parents and parent-related organisations support good quality RSE in school. Parents are the most important educators of young people in personal issues and many welcome the support that school can offer to supplement their home teaching.

You may find that your child starts asking questions about the topic at home, or you might want to take the opportunity to talk to your child about issues before the work is covered in school. If you have any queries about the content of the programme or resources used, please do not hesitate in contacting me at school. All materials used are available for you to browse through should you so wish.

Yours sincerely,

Stevie Sharrock

PSHE Subject Leader

## Appendix 1

### Malvern Wells CE Primary School

#### Parent Form: Withdrawal from sex education within Relationship and Sex Education

TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENTS			
Name of child		Class	
Name of parent		Date	
Reason for withdrawing from sex education within relationships and sex education			
Any other information you would like the school to consider			
Parent signature			

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SCHOOL			
Agreed actions from discussion with parents			
Headteacher signature		Date	