

25 January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

On Friday 4 February there will be a timetable change and your Year 10 child will have a PSHE lesson during Period 1. The lesson will be taught in their normal Period 1 lesson and room unless they hear otherwise. The lesson will be on the **negative** effects of pornography on healthy relationships.

The learning objectives are:

- To understand research findings into the negative impacts of pornography
- Compare how pornography may impact expectations around sex in real life
- To be better prepared for a sexually healthy life

I understand that the content may raise parental concerns. The PSHE specialist team has spent significant time developing the resources for this lesson and we have reviewed our delivery in the last week. The main purpose of this lesson is based on the statutory RSE curriculum 2019 (Relationship & Sex Education) introduced by the government, which states "The principal aim of teaching young people about pornography is to keep them safe from harm." The statutory guidance also states that secondary school age children need to know the following:

- The impact of viewing harmful content
- that specifically sexually explicit material, eg pornography, presents a distorted picture of sexual behaviours, can damage the way people see themselves in relation to others and negatively affect how they behave towards sexual partners
- Students should be aware of the relevant legal provisions when relevant topics are being taught, including for example... pornography

The school office has a copy of the Statutory RSE curriculum and the PowerPoint we will be delivering as a specialist team to your child if you are still concerned.

If you feel there are any sensitivities for your child around this subject please let us know.

If it's possible for you to follow up with discussions at home this will help to embed the learning.

If you think of any areas we can improve upon then please let us know.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely



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