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Dear Parent/Carer,

During Personal Development lessons taking place this week your child will be covering the topic of sex education.

The lessons will cover the following topics:

- Why people have sex
- Consent
- Contraception
- Sexually transmitted diseases
- Choices around pregnancy
- The impact of pornography

Whilst we always try to work with parents to explore their views, we also accept that parents can exercise their right to excuse their child from the sex education elements of our programme (other than that which comes within the Science curriculum).

There is no right to withdraw from Relationships Education or Health Education.

The RSHE we provide is planned to meet the needs of all pupils and give them the knowledge and skills they need to lead healthy lives. This avoids them receiving less accurate, second-hand information from peers if they do not access this education.

To request that a pupil be excused from Sex Education, parents should contact the Headteacher by sending an email to: RSHE@davinciacademy.co.uk

The Headteacher will arrange to speak with parents to explore their views and ensure that the nature and purpose of RSHE is understood. A written record will be kept of this discussion.

Except in exceptional circumstances, the school will respect a parent's right to excuse their child up until three terms before a pupil's 16th birthday when the child can choose to be included in Sex Education.











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The process above is the same for pupils with SEND, however in exceptional circumstances the Headteacher may take account of a pupil's specific needs arising from their SEND when agreeing or not any application to be excused.

Teachers will plan appropriate, purposeful education for pupils who are withdrawn from sex Education.

Mr Nathan Barker

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