

RSE Parent Consultation Summary

Please find below, the items that were raised as part of the parent consultation on the RSE curriculum. We are very grateful for parents' input into this and take on-board views from the whole school community and we are committed to working with parents.

Item raised	School response
Request for the Islamic faith to be included in the teaching of areas of relationships education, including same-sex and LGBT families. This is a shared principle across the Abrahamic faiths of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.	Teachers will pay due regard to teaching the tenets of any faiths on the protected characteristics, including Islam. However, if they do so, they must also explain the legal rights LGBT people have under UK law, and that this and LGBT people must be respected. As a multi faith school, we understand that members of the school community might hold different opinions and school will address teaching sensitively and in age-appropriate ways.
<p>In relation to parents' right to withdraw from non-compulsory sex education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That there is a clear statement of this in the school's policy. • Relevant themes/topics are taught as distinct components of the subject and not made part of those that are compulsory. This will make it easy and reassuring for parents that they are able to exercise their rights to have their children opt-out of those lessons. • The need for parents to be informed when that part of the curriculum will be taught in the particular year group so they can request if they so desire, to exercise their right. 	There is a clear section within the RSE policy on parents' right to withdraw from sex education lessons beyond the science curriculum. This outlines parents' rights and how they can request to withdraw their children from these lessons. These lessons will be taught as discrete lessons and parents will be informed of when they are going to take place. The long term overview that is outlined in the policy (and available on the school website) will state which term these lessons take place in and in which year group. Teachers will also notify parents in advance of these lessons to give an exact time and date so that they have the right to withdraw their children from them should they wish.
Request for actual samples of the materials and lesson resources that will be used when teaching such topics (beyond the examples that were shown in the consultation).	Some samples of lesson materials were shared with parents as part of the parent consultation. However, due to coronavirus restrictions we were not able to get parents in to school to share all of the available resources. These, of course, can be shared by individual teachers at parents' request.