



Dear Parents/Guardians

At the start of next Term, your son/daughter will start on a four week programme that will examine adolescent relationships and sexual health issues. It will be delivered through modules in Religious Studies. The law requires that schools provide all students with a comprehensive sex education programme however it also offers you as parents the right to withdraw your child from any sex education should you feel it inappropriate for him/her. We hope that you will feel confident in our ability to address these issues sensitively with students and not withdraw your child from the course.

The objectives of the programme are to contribute to the process of:

- Exploring the nature of adolescent relationships
- Examining the differences between friendship, love and infatuation
- Examining what creates successful and unsuccessful relationships
- Enabling students to explore and understand the boundaries between what is acceptable and unacceptable behaviour in romantic relationships
- Developing an understanding of how to set, maintain and respect personal boundaries and respect those of others
- Increasing students' understanding of sexuality
- Contributing to the process of delaying premature adolescent first sex
- Exploring, supporting and clarifying commonly held morals and values surrounding relationships and sexual behaviour
- Examining the range of consequences of premature adolescent sexual pregnancy
- Examining the facts in existence about STI's
- Examining contraception
- Looking at the responsibilities of parenthood
- Contributing to the process of empowering students to make wise, positive, responsible choices about their future sexual behaviour as part of developing a healthy life style.

The lessons will be taught within the school's policy for sex education (which can be found on our website) and will be couched within a clear framework of common morals and values. The framework promotes self and mutual respect in personal behaviour, relationships and family values. It strives to contribute to the process of helping young people to develop healthy lifestyles and careers.

If you should have any concerns with regard to this course, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

P.D.Rushton.
(Director of Studies)

Sex and Relationship Educations (SRE)
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Pupil's Name _____ Form _____

I/We would not like my child to participate in the SRE Programme and therefore request that they are withdrawn from these lessons.

Signed _____ Date _____

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