



# HAILEY HALL SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Program

We believe that promoting the health and well-being of our pupils is an important part of their overall education at Hailey Hall. We do this through our Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE) program. The aim of the PSHCE course is to help our pupils make safe and informed decisions during their school years and beyond.

Sex and Relationship Education (SRE) is an important part of our PSHCE education program. We will be teaching age appropriate lessons this half term and topics covered will include healthy relationships; pregnancy; contraceptives; prevention sexually transmitted infections; prevention of sexual abuse; sexual orientation; body image; sexting and social media; FGM; consent.

During the lessons 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.

Parents can withdraw their children from all other parts of SRE if they wish to do so, except for those aspects which are part of the Science curriculum. 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 Even if a child is withdrawn, many pupils will discuss such issues with each other outside the classroom – so, rather than hear about the content second-hand, we hope all children will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:

[rfletcher@haileyhall.herts.sch.uk](mailto:rfletcher@haileyhall.herts.sch.uk)

If you wish your child to be withdrawn from the non-scientific aspects of RSE please email me and I will make contact with you to discuss your concerns.

Yours sincerely,

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