



De La Salle
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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) at De La Salle

Government guidelines outline that, from the age of 11, it is compulsory for all schools to provide an RSE and health education curriculum.

At our school, we believe that it is important to provide our students with a thorough and balanced curriculum, including age-appropriate information about sex and relationships.

The details of what will be taught to the various year groups is detailed in the school's RSE Policy, which can be accessed on our school website <http://www.delasalle.st-helens.sch.uk/media/2175/rse-policy.pdf>

Though schools must provide RSE and health education for students from the age of 11, up until the age of 19, only aspects of the science national curriculum are compulsory for students to learn. Therefore, as parents, you are entitled to request that your child be removed from sex education lessons up to and until three terms before they turn 16-years-old. After that point, if your child wishes to receive sex education, the school will make arrangements to provide them with sex education during one of those terms.

Requests for withdrawal should be submitted in writing to myself, the Headteacher, and we will discuss this with you and your child's teacher, and determine an appropriate substitute for these lessons. In most instances, children will be provided with self-directed reading or exercises which they can complete under the supervision of a member of school staff.

It is important to note that we will always highlight any Catholic teachings as appropriate throughout the curriculum to ensure our students are aware of a range of viewpoints.

If you have any concerns or queries about your child's participation in these lessons, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or your child's class teacher to discuss these.

Yours faithfully

Andrew Rannard
Headteacher