

# BISHOP



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Church of England School  
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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Relationships and Sex Education**

As you may already be aware, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), along with Health Education, is now part of the National Curriculum. As part of our school's wider Personal, Social and Health Education programme, your child will receive lessons on relationships, sexual health and personal safety in the Summer Term.

Bishop Ramsey consulted with parents and students as part of these changes and these shaped the policies for Relationships Education and RSE, which you can find on the school website. You will also find a copy of the Programme of Study for each Year Group which will outline the areas we will be covering in PSHE lessons.

The purpose of the RSE curriculum is to provide knowledge and understanding of safe and healthy relationships based on respect. This is to encourage the development of safe and healthy relationships throughout life. The subject is designed to help children from all backgrounds build positive and safe relationships, and to thrive in modern Britain.

You do have a right to withdraw your child from sex education delivered as part of RSE up to three terms before your child turns 16. At this point, the child has the right to make their own decision. We would however, encourage every child to take part in order for them to be educated and able to make informed decisions in the future. There is however, no right to withdraw from Relationships Education at secondary level and we believe the content of these subjects – such as family, friendship, different types of relationships, safety (including online safety) – are important for all children to be taught.

We are confident you will share our enthusiasm for the PSHE curriculum, which we feel will benefit all of our students. Should you have any concerns, you are welcome to contact me to discuss the programme further.

Yours sincerely,

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