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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Re: Year 9 – Personal, Social, Citizenship & Health Education Programme**

I am writing to offer an explanation regarding some elements of the Personal and Social Education programme all students in Year 9 will be following this academic year. In addition to programmes on Careers, the World of Work and Drug Abuse we cover Sex and Relationships Education.

You may be aware of your legal right to withdraw your child, should you so wish, from all or part of any non-national curriculum sex education provided. Please refer to the school's website for the Governors' Policy on Sex and Relationships. If, having read this letter you do wish to withdraw consent please let me know by Thursday 9th May 2019 in order to make this possible. You should do this by emailing [achieve@pittville.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:achieve@pittville.gloucs.sch.uk) The teaching of sex education and other health related topics is a sensitive subject. In order that any misunderstandings may be avoided and reassurance given as to the quality and type of advice offered by qualified professionals I would like to expand upon the aims and values, content and organisation of the sex and relationships unit of the PSCE programme.

This topic is taught as a six week module, embracing discussion about relationships as well as biology. They are all governed by a 'values framework' which includes principles such as respect for oneself and others and taking responsibility for one's actions. The aim is to meet student's needs, including:-

- knowledge, information and clarification
- skills of decision making
- development of self-esteem and self-empowerment
- support from significant adults
- exploration of values and attitudes

Topics covered are listed below:

#### **Sex and Relationships**

1. Relationships (appropriate, inappropriate and mutually respectful)
2. Sexual responsibility and safety
3. Contraception
4. Moral issues and teenage pressures to be involved in adult relationships too early in life



## **Sexually Transmitted Diseases**

Sexually Transmitted Diseases and AIDS

Sexually Transmitted Diseases – social awareness and attitudes

Related dilemmas and effect on health

Sources of help and support

If you would like a copy of the Governors' Policy on Sex Education or Drug Education or if you would like to discuss further any aspect of the above programme, please feel free to contact me via the school reception.

Yours faithfully

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