

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you may already be aware, Relationships, Health and Sex Education (RSHE) is statutory in secondary schools. As part of Lostock Hall Academy's wider Personal, Social, Health Education (PSHE) programme, your child will receive education on relationships, sexual health and personal safety during designated Personal Development lessons in school

The purpose of these lessons is to provide knowledge and understanding of safe and healthy relationships based on respect and are designed to help children from all backgrounds build positive and safe relationships, and to thrive in modern Britain.

Parents/carers have the right to request to withdraw their child from the non-statutory components of sex education (not relationship education) within RSHE up to and until 3 terms before the student turns 16. After this point, if the student wishes to receive sex education rather than being withdrawn, the school will arrange this. We strongly believe that the content of these subjects is important for all children to be taught. Any requests for withdrawal should be put in writing using the form found in Appendix 3 of the RSHE policy and addressed to the Principal.

We welcome your views and comments on the school's RSHE policy – a copy of the most up to date policy can be found on the school website. There is also a learning journey with a list of all RSHE topics being covered in each year group, along with information about the resources we use (Life Lessons). These lessons are age appropriate and cover all of the key areas set out by the Department of Education.

If you have any questions or would like to request more information about RSHE, please do not hesitate to contact me at admin@lostockhallacademy.org

Yours faithfully

Mrs N Tucker

Senior Assistant Vice Principal