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Principal Mrs G F Gorman

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 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.

Schools are required to consult with parents when developing and reviewing their policies for RSHE, which will inform schools' decisions on when and how certain content is covered. 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. These lessons are age appropriate and cover all of the key areas set out by the Department of Education.

You do have a right to withdraw your child from sex education delivered as part of RSHE in secondary schools but not from relationship education and I believe the content of these subjects is important for all children to be taught.

If you have any questions or would like to request more information about RSHE, please feel free to email me on [j.doyle@lostockhallacademy.org](mailto:j.doyle@lostockhallacademy.org).

Yours sincerely,

***J.Doyle***

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