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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to tell you about the RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) curriculum that Year 9 students will be studying after February half term. Along with Health Education, it is a statutory subject and is now part of the National Curriculum and as such must be taught.

The purpose of the upcoming curriculum is to provide knowledge and understanding of safe and healthy relationships that are based on respect for the person. Lessons will build on the primary curriculum and will better equip your child with the information they need to make safe, informed, and healthy decisions as they progress through adult life. This includes looking at the following content: families, respectful relationships including friendships, online and media, being safe, intimate, and sexual relationships including sexual health.

Obviously, we endeavour to undertake the teaching of this topic in a sensitive manner. We will be using many resources provided by "Ten Ten" which is a Catholic education organisation. They are fully endorsed by Liverpool Archdiocese and resources integrate Catholic teaching about family life with the reality of growing up in modern Britain.

You do have a right to withdraw your child from sex education as part of RSE, but not any part of the curriculum that deals with the relationship element. We do believe that participation in all elements of RSE is in the best interest of all our pupils and I am sure that we can count on your continued support.

Should you wish to discuss any issues regarding RSE you will have an opportunity to speak to your child's RE teacher at Year 9 Parents' Evening on Thursday.

If you want any further information or wish to discuss the programme further, please contact me at ehooton@arrowsmith.wigan.sch.uk

Yours faithfully

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