

WEST LANCASHIRE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

RELATIONSHIPS & SEX EDUCATION POLICY

Sex and Relationships Education in WLCHS School is provided in such a manner as to encourage young people to have regard to moral considerations and appreciate the value of stable family life, marriage and the responsibilities of parenthood. They will be helped to consider the importance of self restraint, dignity, respect for themselves and others, acceptance of responsibility, sensitivity towards the needs and views of others, loyalty and fidelity. They will be taught to recognise the physical, emotional and moral implications, and risks, of certain types of behaviour, and to accept that both sexes must behave responsibly in sexual matters.

The law does not define the contents of sex education in detail, however an outline of the topics covered in each year group will be available in school. The law does, however, state that HIV, AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases must be taught. This will be approached in context with the sex education curriculum at an appropriate time. At all times sex education is provided to match the maturity of the pupils and not necessarily their chronological age. The programmes of sex education aim to present facts in an objective, balanced and sensitive manner, set within a clear framework of values and an awareness of the law on sexual behaviour.

The staff, both teaching and non-teaching, are not at liberty to discuss any aspects of sexual behaviour on a one to one basis with any pupils. Staff, if approached, will in such circumstances encourage pupils to approach parents/carers. If a parent/carer is approached by a child and wishes to have the support of the school or other agencies in the matter, they are encouraged to approach the Headteacher. Any issues arising which cause concern in school will be related directly to parents/carers by the school.

The school recognises that parents/carers are key figures in helping their children to cope with the emotional and physical aspects of growing up and preparing them for the challenges and responsibilities sexual maturity brings and therefore is keen for parental awareness of the work undertaken. This sex education policy document is to be made available to any parent/carer on request and should any modifications be made to sex education within WLCHS, parents will be informed before the changes are implemented. Parents are also notified when pupils are beginning a sex education module to obtain consent. Parents are invited into school to view resources and the policy if required.

Every parent/carer has the right to withdraw their child from the sex education courses except for the topics of human development, including adolescence and reproduction which are covered by the science National Curriculum.

WLCHS is committed to a regular review for staff training in all relevant aspects of sex education.

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