

20th September 2022

## Whole school PSHE 2022-23

## Dear parents or carers

I am writing to you to outline arrangements for whole school PSHE this year. We have designated 12 one-hour periods spaced through the school year to be PSHE periods when the normal timetable will be suspended. This will enable us to deliver the statutory curriculum for RSHE (relationships, sex and health education) as well as other aspects of PSHE, careers education and revision skills. The programme for year 11 will be focused on careers and aspects of exam preparation. There will still be PSHE delivered at other times, such as through assemblies or when we have visiting groups, such as Loudmouth Theatre Company.

The programme for the year is shown on the attached document. Pupils will do most of their PSHE lessons in normal teaching groups, but those marked green on the plan will be delivered in single-sex groups, as we feel this is more appropriate for the topics being covered. Some, but not all, of the sessions in single-sex groups for years 9 and 10 are classified as sex education and I will write to parents of those year groups nearer the time, outlining the topics and your right to withdraw your child from those specific lessons.

I would like to thank you in advance for your support regarding the PSHE programme. If you have any questions, please contact me or Miss Melville, who is the Subject Co-ordinator for PSHE.

Yours sincerely

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