



THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

'Learning Together For The Future'

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Dear Parents / Carers,

All our students experience weekly Personal Development and Citizenship (PDC) lessons which are delivered by form tutors. In these lessons, students study Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), careers and health education, plus Citizenship. PDC is a spiral curriculum, meaning concepts and themes are re-visited at different key stages in an age-appropriate way. Our PDC curriculum is always evolving because it is vital that we respond to local and national trends regarding issues which affect young people. As well as the taught curriculum the PDC department regularly organises events in school, such as talks and drama performances, which supports the learning in the classroom. Elements of the RSE curriculum is taught in other subjects, namely Science and ICT. The assembly programme is also a key part of our personal development programme.

Our Relationships and Sex Education curriculum follows the statutory guidance as set out by the Department for Education. The intent of RSE lessons is to give our students the information needed to help them develop healthy, safe and nurturing relationships. Parents and carers do have the right to request to withdraw their child from sex education as delivered as part of RSE. However, there is no right to withdraw their child from relationships education (or health education). If you wish to withdraw your child, please email me directly (hgreen@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk).

If your child/children attended school last academic year you will have noticed the QR codes on their report(s) which you can use to find out further information about the curriculum. The PDC curriculum is also on our website, and I include the links below. We review our curriculum annually through consultation with staff and students; all of which is monitored by the governing body. Parents also have a vital role to play. We know that you are the most significant teacher and influencer of your child's understanding of healthy relationships. Therefore, please can I ask you to read the policy, which includes the curriculum outline, and let me know if you have any ideas to feedback which may help further improve our provision.

Link for Draft RSE policy [rse-2022.pdf \(ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk\)](#)

Link for RSE curriculum [Relationships and Sex Education \(ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk\)](#)

With thanks for your support,

Helen Green

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