



# The Ripley Academy and Sixth Form

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)

I am writing to you regarding changes to Relationships and Sex Education in schools.

The Trust policy pertaining to 'Relationships and Sex Education and Physical Health and Mental Wellbeing Education' has been uploaded onto the school website. You can find the link here:

<https://www.ripleyacademy.org/attachments/download.asp?file=932&type=pdf>

RSE is now statutory within all schools and colleges for students aged 5-16 years but parents/carers do have the right to withdraw their child from the sex education elements of this provision. However, there is no right to withdraw from National Curriculum Science which includes elements of sex education such as puberty and reproduction. The final page of the policy (Appendix E) is the parent withdrawal form that should be completed and returned to the school for the attention of Mr De Rijk if you wish to withdraw your child from sex education elements of RSE lessons.

We are in the process of creating a new page on the school website specifically related to RSE where you are able to find details of the curriculum and what is covered in each year group and which elements are delivered across the curriculum through a range of subject areas. The two attachments with this letter provide information regarding our provision, which we consider to be age and developmentally appropriate.

As part of our statutory duty to consult with you, please feel free to email me directly at [jscattergood@ripleyacademy.org](mailto:jscattergood@ripleyacademy.org) by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July should you have any comments pertaining to the planned RSE provision.

If you have any further questions relating to this topic, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Yours sincerely,

Miss J Scattergood  
Deputy Headteacher

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