



Our Ref: TAC/kmd/PSHE/rseY8

December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) Education

You will be aware that as part of your child's educational experience at Oldbury Wells School, we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive taught programme of Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education that gives young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy safe, productive and fulfilled lives, both now and in the future.

I am writing to let you know that over the next 10 weeks, starting from 9th January 2024, your child's form will be taking part in lessons which will focus on Relationships and Sex education (RSE).

Lessons will include students learning about:

- What is contraception and how will it allow me to have safe sex?
- What are the different STIs? How can we keep good sexual health?
- What is consent and why is it so important we learn about it?
- What is 'sexting' and why should I be bothered about it?
- Why is pornography so dangerous?
- FGM – what is it, why is it so serious and what can we all do to help?

This is part of our schools PSHE education programme which is taught once a fortnight in every year group by form tutors and is monitored and reviewed regularly by the staff and the governing body. For more details about our PSHE curriculum offer, please visit the school's website, (<http://www.oldburywells.com/parent-information/curriculum/pshe>). All teaching in PSHE will take place in a safe learning environment and be underpinned by our school ethos and values. A variety of opportunities will be provided for students to ask questions to prepare them for relationships in the modern world.

As a school community, we are committed to working in partnership with parents. If you would like to find out more or discuss any concerns, please contact your child's head of year, Mr Walker, joe.walker@oldburywells.com or Mrs Warner, Deputy Headteacher (Behaviour, Attitudes & Personal Development) katharine.warner@oldburywells.com.

Yours sincerely

Terry Cowburn
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