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Dear Parents and Carers,

You will be aware that, as a part of your child's educational experience at OSCA, 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, throughout the year, your child will be taking part in Character Development lessons which will focus on Relationships and Sex Education & Health Education (RSHE).

This is part of our school's PSHE education programme which is taught throughout the school in every year group and is monitored and reviewed regularly by the staff and governing body. For more detail about our PSHE curriculum offer, please visit the school's website: [www.ormistonsandwell.org.uk/curriculum/subjects/character-development](http://www.ormistonsandwell.org.uk/curriculum/subjects/character-development) where you can access curriculum overviews by year group and our Relationships and Sex Education policy. All teaching in Character Development lessons will take place in a safe learning environment and be underpinned by our school ethos and values.

As a school community, we are committed to working in partnership with parents. There will be opportunities throughout the year to find out more about what your child will learn, view the materials and resources being used in lessons and discover how you can best support your child to discuss these topics at home. You will also receive feedback on your child's engagement with and understanding of the programme through the Student-Parent Evaluation points.

OSCA respects the legal right of parents/carers to withdraw their child from all or part of the Sex Education component of the RSHE programme, except for statutory elements included within the national curriculum for Citizenship, PE, Computing and Science. Parents will not be able to withdraw their child from Relationships Education and/or Health Education content. For clarity, the lesson content which are specifically deemed as Sex Education content, and therefore from which a child may be withdrawn are:

- Year 10 | Autumn Term 2 | *What are my personal boundaries?*
- Year 10 | Autumn Term 2 | *How might viewing adult content affect young people?*
- Year 10 | Spring Term 1 | *What are STIs?*
- Year 10 | Spring Term 1 | *What types of contraceptive methods are available?*
- Year 11 | Autumn Term 2 | *What does an intimate relationship look like?*

If a parent wishes their child to be withdrawn from any or all of the lesson content listed they should put in writing which aspects of the programme they do not wish their child to participate in and send this to the academy addressed to the Curriculum Leader of PSHE, Mrs S. Kaur. A copy of the full Relationship and Sex Education & Health Education (RSHE) Policy and list of the statutory topics included in the national curriculum at the different key stages, can be found on the Academy website: [Ormiston Sandwell Community Academy - Character Development](http://www.ormistonsandwell.org.uk/curriculum/subjects/character-development).

Before granting any such request the Curriculum Leader of PSHE will discuss the request with parents and, as appropriate, with the child to ensure that their wishes are understood and to clarify the nature and purpose of the curriculum. We will document this process to ensure a record is kept.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. S Kaur  
Curriculum Leader of PSHE