

NEWLAND SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

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Dear Parent or Carer,

As a part of your child's education, we promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive Personal, Social, Health and Economic education programme which is taught on a daily basis during our period 4 lesson. Within Newland our personal development programme is the curriculum subject that gives young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live safe, healthy, productive lives and meet their full potential.

I am writing to let you know that, over a three week period, starting 18th January 2022, your child's class will be taking part in lessons which will focus on the sex education aspect of this programme.

Sex Education lessons in year 10 will include teaching about

- Keeping safe and consent;
- Knowledge about safer sex and sexual health remains important to ensure that young people are equipped to make safe, informed and healthy choices as they progress through adult life.

This includes;

- the facts about the full range of contraceptive choices, efficacy and options available.
- the facts around pregnancy including miscarriage.
- that there are choices in relation to pregnancy (with medically and legally accurate, impartial information on all options, including keeping the baby, adoption, abortion and where to get further help).
- how the different sexually transmitted infections (STIs), including HIV/AIDs, are transmitted, how risk can be reduced through safer sex (including through condom use) and the importance of and facts about testing.
- about the prevalence of some STIs, the impact they can have on those who contract them and key facts about treatment.
- how to get further advice, including how and where to access confidential sexual and reproductive health advice and treatment.

Pupils will also have opportunities to ask questions that help prepare them for relationships of all kinds in the modern world. All teaching takes place in a safe learning environment and is underpinned by our school ethos and values.

Parents have a right of withdrawal from some or all part of the sex education part of this programme. Should you consider this for your child, please make an appointment with the headteacher via her PA, Miss Edwards on edwardsh@thrivetrust.uk. The headteacher will discuss with you the benefits of receiving this important education and any detrimental effects that withdrawal might have on your child, including any social and emotional effects of being excluded, as well as the likelihood of your child hearing their peers' version of what was said in



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the classes, rather than what was directly said by the teacher. Materials will be reviewed with you before a final decision on withdrawal is made.

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 make an appointment to discuss.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'BA', written in a cursive style.

Ben Ash
Director of Pupil Engagement and Inclusion