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Dear Parent/Carer

Sex and Relationship Education (SRE)

As part of Personal, Social and Health Education this term, students will be studying SRE. The purpose of SRE is to provide knowledge and understanding so that students develop into adults who hold positive values, have knowledge of the arguments for delaying sexual activity and understand the importance of protected sex. It should develop attitudes which will help students to form relationships in a responsible and healthy manner.

As part of the Government guidance on SRE it is recommended that schools teach students about human sexuality to help them understand different orientations. Teachers will not promote any orientation and will be facilitating thoughtful discussions that will help students be more understanding, tolerant and considerate towards all people. The selected teaching resources have been sourced sensitively with the requirements of our own students as the main focus.

If young people can start their transition into adulthood with good information and the confidence and knowledge to understand what is happening to them, they will hopefully grow into confident and healthy adults able to make positive choices. We hope that the provision in school will support the discussions you have with your child at home.

Parents can withdraw their children from the part of sex education that does not form part of the statutory National Curriculum. If you have questions or concerns, or want to withdraw your child from participation, please do not hesitate to contact me by email: cmcdonald@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

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