

27th November 2013

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Dear Parent/Carer

SEX EDUCATION AT CROFTON ACADEMY

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The Education Act 1993 legislates that from 1 September 1994 Sex Education, including education about HIV and AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, must be provided for all pupils.

In June 2008 the Governing Body reviewed its policy on Sex Education, which indicates the principles and practices, which support this aspect of our school curriculum.

The following summary gives an indication of the content and nature of the School's policy on Sex Education - naturally a copy of the policy document is available on request.

Sex & Relationship Education Policy

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| Section 1 : | Description of School |
| 2 : | Policy Formulation |
| 3 : | Aims and Objectives of School Sex Education Policy |
| 4 : | Moral Values and Framework
"Of particular note here" "the value placed upon stable family life, marriage and responsibilities of parenthood" and "the importance of self restraint, dignity and respect for themselves and others". |
| 5 : | Equal Opportunities |
| 6 : | Organisation of School Sex Education |
| 7 : | Specific Issues - including
Contraception, Confidentiality, Withdrawal, Complaints, Monitoring |

Obviously we regard this as an extremely important area of our work, one in which effective partnership with parents is essential. In this light we will be organising an annual presentation on Sex & Relationship Education to explain our programme and to listen to any views or concerns you may have. Our hope is that many parents will be able to attend this year's meeting, which will be held on Thursday 5TH December at 5.00pm in the Meeting Room at school. If you intend to come to the meeting please complete and return the reply slip attached.

I am sure that everyone is aware that the law gives parents the right of opting out from Sex & Relationship Education. The procedure for withdrawing your child is covered in the Policy and I include them below for your information.

Procedures for Opting Out of Sex & Relationship Education

Parents may withdraw their children from Sex Education at any time, but it will be most helpful if such a decision can be taken at the start of the school year. Decisions to withdraw children from Sex Education should be put in writing and addressed to the Headteacher.

Placement for withdrawal - Students who have been withdrawn from Sex Education lessons will be accommodated in school under the supervision of Head of Year. The notice of withdrawal should be treated in a sensitive way, to ensure that students are not made to feel excluded from the class. It is important that the rest of the group respect the choice of the individual.

If the school is faced with the expectedly rare circumstance of a pupil disagreeing with its parents' decision to withdraw from Sex Education then the matter will be referred to the Corporate Director (Children's Services).

Yours sincerely



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**SEX & RELATIONSHIP MEETING
THURSDAY 5th DECEMBER 2013, 5.00PM**

Please return to Mrs Butterworth.

I/we plan to attend the Sex & Relationship Education Policy Meeting on Thursday 5TH December 2013

Signed _____

Parent/Carer of _____

Pupil Form _____