



## Relationships and Sex Education Information

Dear parents/carers,

As a part of your child’s education at Northampton International Academy, we promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education programme. PSHE education 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.

Part of the Secondary statutory PSHE curriculum focuses on relationships and sex education (RSE). You do have a right to withdraw your child from sex education delivered as part of RSE in secondary schools which, unless there are exceptional circumstances, will be granted up to three terms before your child turns 16. At this point, if the child themselves wishes to receive sex education rather than be withdrawn, the school should make arrangements for this to happen in one of the three terms before the child turns 16 - the legal age of sexual consent.

There is no right to withdraw from **Relationships Education** or **Personal Safety** at secondary level and we believe the content of these subjects – such as family, friendship, safety (including online safety) – are important for all children to be taught. However, we are confident you will share our enthusiasm for the successful implementation of the new PSHE curriculum, which we feel will benefit all our pupils. You will find all the information you need, alongside a summary table on the right to withdraw below. Please note, children cannot be withdrawn from statutory biological content covered in sciences such as puberty and reproduction facts.

<b>Relationships Education</b>	<b>Personal Safety</b>	<b>Sex Education</b>
Healthy and Unhealthy Relationships Consent Assertiveness in relationships Legal status of relationships Behaviours in relationships Abuse and Coercion Sustaining long term healthy relationships with self, attraction, love and lust LGBT media stereotypes	Online Safety and legislation (including sexting) Types of close intimate relationships/consent Sexual exploitation Grooming Risk in intimate relationships Sex and the Law Family Planning STIs Forced marriage FGM Honour-based Violence Hate Crime	Pornography including revenge pornography

PSHE education is taught throughout the school in every year group and is monitored and reviewed regularly by the staff and governing body. Please visit the school’s website for more detail about our PSHE curriculum. All PSHE teaching takes place in a safe learning environment and is underpinned by our school ethos and values and all curriculum content is age appropriate.

We welcome families to visit the school to look at the resources we are delivering. If you would like more information or to discuss further, please contact Miss Amie King to arrange a call or a meeting. If you would like to withdraw your child from the Sex Education aspect of RSE, please note a meeting with the head teacher will need to be arranged to discuss and approve the withdrawal. For any information regarding Primary PSHE content please contact Mr James Ross.

Kind Regards  
 Northampton International Academy

