



Joseph Leckie Academy

March 31st 2021

RE: New Key Stage 3 PDP curriculum.

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Government guidelines outline that from the age of 11, it is compulsory for all schools to provide a Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) curriculum. Therefore, we have developed a new Key Stage 3 PDP curriculum to meet government guidelines. The new Key Stage 3 PDP curriculum begins from the week commencing 26th April 2021 which compliments the existing curriculum in Key Stages 4 and 5. The new PDP curriculum focuses on healthy relationships and keeping children safe in the modern world. It also covers a wide range of topics relating to physical and mental health, wellbeing, safeguarding and healthy relationships. Learning about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up will give children and young people the information, skills and positive values to have safe, fulfilling relationships and help them take responsibility for their own well-being.

At our Academy we believe it is important to provide our students with a thorough and balanced curriculum, including age-appropriate information about relationships. Not only is the content of these lessons age appropriate and of a spiral and developmental nature, it also takes into consideration the topics that may have a direct impact on our students and the needs of the local community.

The details of what will be taught to the various year groups is detailed in the Academy's RSHE Policy, which can be accessed on our academy website; this policy as well as further information can be found on the PDP page under the curriculum tab. We would value your views and opinions about our new curriculum and if you would like to contribute, a link to stage one of our parental consultation can also be found on the above webpage.

As parents you are entitled to request that your child be removed from certain aspects of RSHE lessons up to and until three terms before they turn 16 years old. After that point, if your child wishes to receive RSHE, the Academy will make arrangements to provide them with RSHE lessons during one of those terms. Requests for withdrawal should be submitted in writing to the Principal or by completing the form on the webpage as detailed above, we will then discuss the withdrawal with yourself and determine an appropriate course of action.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the PDP curriculum, then please do not hesitate to contact me at the Academy.

Yours sincerely

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