

Parents' right to withdraw – Sex education parts of Life Skills

Current regulations and guidance from the Department for Education state that parents have the right to withdraw their children from the aspects of sex education that is not part of National Curriculum Science. We hope, however, that parents will realise the value of their child learning age-appropriate content in a professional and safeguarded environment.

The request to withdraw from sex education lessons may take place up to and until 3 terms before the child turns 16. After this point, if the child wishes to receive sex education rather than being withdrawn, the school will arrange this.

The table below identifies the areas of our Life Skills curriculum where parents may exercise their right to withdraw their child from lessons, in line with Government guidelines:

| Year | Term / Topic | Lesson number / Contents |
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| 9 | Summer term 1 Committed Relationships | 27 Readiness for sexual activity, the choice to delay sex, or enjoy intimacy without sex within committed relationships |
| 10 | Spring 1 Healthy relationships | 15 About relationship values and the role of pleasure in relationships About myths, assumptions, misconceptions and social norms about sex, gender and relationships |

All other aspects of our Life Skills programme fall within Relationships Education or Health Education and therefore precludes the Right to Withdraw.

Requests for withdrawal from the above Life Skills lessons should be put in writing and addressed to the headteacher, as per our PSHE Policy. Parents will be asked to provide alternative, appropriate, work for their child.

For further information about Life Skills provision within Goldington Academy, please contact Mrs N Sacre, Careers Leader and Leader of Life Skills.