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Dear parent,

RE: Relationships & Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education at Millthorpe

Government guidelines outline that, from the age of 11, it is compulsory for all schools to provide an RSE and health education curriculum. At our school, we believe that it is important to provide our pupils with a thorough and balanced curriculum, including age-appropriate information about sex and relationships. The details of what will be taught to the various year groups are set out in the school's RSE and Health Education Policy, which can be accessed on our website www.millthorpeschool.co.uk, or in hard copy via our school office.

Though schools must provide RSE and health education for pupils from the age of 11, as parents, you are entitled to request that your child be removed from sex education lessons up to and until three terms before they turn 16 years old. After that point, if your child wishes to receive sex education, the school will make arrangements to provide them with sex education during one of those terms. There is no right to withdraw children from relationship or health education lessons.

Requests for withdrawal should be submitted in writing to me as Headteacher and I will discuss this with you and your child's form tutor, and determine an appropriate substitute for these lessons.

If you have any concerns or queries about your child's participation in these lessons, please do not hesitate to contact your child's form tutor to discuss these.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Gemma Greenhalgh

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