



# KING JAMES'S SCHOOL

KNARESBOROUGH

1C/PSHCEE/GKE/DSY  
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Dear Parent/Carer

## YEAR 9 RELATIONSHIPS AND SEX EDUCATION

The school's Relationships and Sex Education Policy (RSE) aims to support the personal and social development of students in order that they can understand, accept and cope with the changes that take place in their own development and those around them.

As part of the PSHE programme of study, Year 9 students undertake a unit of relationship and sex education with an aim to relieve any possible anxieties, which may result from partial knowledge of sexual issues, by giving pupils accurate and relevant information. The students at the end of the course should have a solid foundation for positive, loving relationships in the future and be fully equipped to make informed choices about sexual behaviour. These lessons will therefore necessarily include images and videos of male and female genitalia, with accompanying explanations relating to pubescent changes and anatomical functions. This will be embedded within a wide-ranging programme that includes aspects such as: developing healthy relationships, contraception, STIs and delaying early sex. The teaching of these lessons endeavours to be as sensitive as possible.

Should you wish to discuss the content of any aspect of the course in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. All parents have a legal right to withdraw their child from elements of the relationships and sex education programme. If you wish to do so, please contact Mrs Handley, Assistant Headteacher. The school will discuss individual cases with the family concerned and take the necessary action for alternative provision.

Yours faithfully

**Miss G Skinner**  
PSHE Coordinator