

St Wilfrid's Catholic School

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Diocese of Arundel & Brighton and West Sussex County Council

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Education for Personal Relationships

As part of the SES provision in school, the R.E. department is teaching a module entitled 'Education for Personal Relationships'. In accordance with the school's policy and Section 241 of the Education Act 1993, parents have the right to withdraw their children from parts of a school's programme of relationships and sex education which are explicit in sexual content, other than those elements which are required by the National Curriculum Science Order. We are taking this opportunity to inform you about this module and give you the opportunity to discuss the issues at home and reassure you of the context with which we are operating.

We are teaching the module of Personal Relationships from the Christian perspective that love is a gift from God and a calling for all people. We will be looking at the Christian ideal of love and at how this finds its expression within marriage. Discussion around appropriate relationships, the challenges of marriage and divorce, peer pressure, methods of contraception, sexually transmitted infections and HIV/AIDS will be included.

We are teaching this module in the R.E. department in order to emphasise the teaching of the church regarding these issues and rooting sex education in a well balanced relationship context.

As stated above, all of this will be presented within our Christian perspective and school policy which accepts, with the Bishops of England and Wales, that 'ignorance is not a choice'.

We are aware of the responsibility entrusted to us and should you need clarification on the module please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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