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Dear Parent/Carer

Years 7 to 10, Life lessons

During the next half term, we are beginning our Sex and Relationship Education topics during Life lessons for students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. We will welcome colleagues from the charity EVA (Women's Aid) who will discuss the importance of healthy relationships.

The Education Act 1996, legislates that Sex Education, including education about HIV and AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, must be provided for all students.

At Outwood Grange Academies Trust, Sex Education is dealt with as modules within our Science and Life programmes of study.

These modules are integral to our approach to developing a 'Healthy Academy'. Issues such as contraception and moral values are dealt with in a positive, helpful and sensitive manner, with high regard to 'the value placed upon stable family life, marriage and the responsibilities of parenthood' along with 'the importance of self-restraint, dignity and respect for themselves and others'. We regard this as an extremely important area of our work; one in which an effective partnership with parents is essential.

The Life programme that starts in the autumn will include lessons on the following topics:

Year 7

Puberty
Relationships
Diversity in Britain
Recognition of harmful drugs and their dangers
Risk taking behaviour.

Year 8

Peer pressure
Body image
Sexual Relationships
The Effects of Drugs
Alcohol and Smoking

Year 9

Sexual Relationships
Risk taking behaviour
Attitudes towards abortion
The Effects of Drugs
Alcohol and Smoking
E- safety

Year 10

Risk taking behavior
Drugs
Contraception
FGM

In order to support the school in the delivery of these lessons we would ask that you discuss any issues raised with your child.

We acknowledge that this is a particularly sensitive area for parents and should you have any concerns or questions please contact Miss G Green, Head of Life and RE via g.green@bydales.outwood.com or by telephone 01642 474000. Our full Sex and Relationships policy is available on the website www.bydales.outwood.com/policies

Yours sincerely



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