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Dear parents/carers,

Over the next few weeks, your year 9 son/daughter will have specific sexual education and relationship lessons as part of their personal development and guidance sessions. This is 4 lessons.

These lessons are part of the national curriculum and are intended to inform students about how to stay safe during and after intercourse.

The lessons will be delivered by an NHS team of qualified staff who are coming into the academy specifically to deliver the lessons.

Whilst there is legally no opt out of any of the lessons which come under the umbrella of 'relationships', there is an option to withdraw your child from the specific sex education lessons which relate to condoms and contraception and which are not part of the science curriculum.

Students will only have one practical lesson (lesson 4 of 4) and they are given the option of whether they wish to participate or observe in the classroom.

If you have a genuine reason such as religion to withdraw your child from the condom sessions please feel free to contact me on the email address below and I will make every effort to accommodate this. [k.noble@hemsworth.outwood.com](mailto:k.noble@hemsworth.outwood.com)

Yours faithfully,

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