

CHOSEN HILL SCHOOL

Brookfield Road, Churchdown, Gloucester GL3 2PL

(Registered office)
Headteacher: Mrs. K. Harrison

September 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

We are very excited to announce the launch of the school's Ethical and Personal Studies (EPS) curriculum building on the previous CPSHE and Religious Studies programmes. The programme is delivered in school to all students from Year 7 to 11. The programme aims to teach students the general life knowledge and skills they need to know in our multi-cultural and ever-changing world. The information they learn and discuss will enable them to make wise and informed choices in the broader aspects of their lives. A detailed programme of study can be found on the school's website, under the curriculum tab.

As part of the Ethical and Personal Studies curriculum at Chosen Hill School, we will be delivering lessons on Relationships and Sex Education (RSE). Delivery of RSE in the curriculum is statutory and the current policy can be found on the school website.

In Year 7 the teaching will focus on the building of positive safe relationships and will reinforce life skills to support this. The physical aspects of puberty will also be explained.

In Year 8 students learn about the emotional effects of puberty, positive and negative mental health, staying safe online (including grooming) and the effects of exercise, drugs and alcohol.

In Year 9 they will look at the ethics behind sex, the negative effects that media can have on our view of physical relationships, gender identity and diversity, contraception and safe sex.

Year 10 and 11 will receive a block of 4 lessons as part of the carousel programme, and the details can be found on the school website.

Whilst the school considers its relationship and sex education programme to be a very important part of our students' ethical and personal studies educational provision, in line with current legislation, parents may choose to withdraw students from certain aspects of the RSE programme.

| Topics you can withdraw your child from are below: | Topics you cannot withdraw your child from are below: | |
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| Risky behaviours relating to having sex | Stereotyping and bullying | |
| Contraception and choice of which contraception to use | Criminal behaviours, including domestic violence and coercive control | |
| Pregnancy and miscarriage | Online rights, opportunities and risks | |
| Transmission and ways to avoid STIs | Being safe in relationships | |
| Choice to delay having sex | Respectful and heathy relationships | |
| Peer-pressure relating to choosing to have sex | Parental responsibilities | |
| Reproductive health and fertility | | |

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Please find a reply slip below to be returned to Miss E Hall and Mrs F Critchley, EPS Leads, at the school if you wish to withdraw your child from the RSE programme at the school. A nil return will be accepted as agreement to your child's participation in this aspect of the school's curriculum programme.

Yours sincerely

| Miss E Hall and Mrs F Critchley |
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| Ethical and Personal Studies Leads |

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| If you wish to withdraw your child from the RSE elements of the EPS programme, please complete and return the slip to Miss E Hall and Mrs F Critchley, EPS Leads. | |
| Re: CHS Relationships and Sex Education, September 2020. | |
| Student Name: | LM Group: |
| I do not wish my child to attend lessons where my child will be taught the non-compulsory elements of the school's relationships and sex education programme in Ethical and Personal Studies. | |
| Parent/Carer Signature: | |
| 2 | Date: |

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