

# **Right to be excused from sex education (commonly referred to as the right to withdraw) at HPS**

**Parents have the right to request that their child be withdrawn from some or all of sex education delivered as part of statutory RSE.** Any request needs to be made to the class teacher in the first instance who will offer advice and show the resources that are to be used to teach the objectives. If after this meeting you still wish to withdraw your child/children then a meeting with the Headteacher or Deputy Heateacher shall be arranged. At this meeting, the purpose and intent of our PSHE/RSHE curriculum shall be discussed. Once these discussions have taken place, except in exceptional circumstances, the school will respect your request to withdraw your child/children from the sessions.

This process is the same for pupils with SEND. However, there may be exceptional circumstances where the Headteacher may want to take a pupil's specific needs arising from their SEND into account when making this decision.

**The Headteacher will automatically grant a request to withdraw a pupil from any sex education delivered in primary schools, other than as part of the science curriculum.** If a pupil is excused from sex education, it is the school's responsibility to ensure that the pupil receives appropriate, purposeful education during the period of withdrawal. **There is no right to withdraw from Relationships Education or Health Education.**

