

Engaging Stakeholders

Dear Parents,

I write to you today to discuss our teaching of Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) within the Prep School. This year there has been a change to government advice regarding schools teaching RSE. As of 2020, the 'relationships' part of our Personal Development lessons (PD) will no longer be 'opt-out'. In line with this, we will be publishing our school policy of RSE on the school website in the 'school policies' section of the parent portal. This can also be accessed via the link below and includes a breakdown of what we teach the boys in the RSE section of learning.

[Bedford Prep School Relationships and Sex Education Policy](#)

For Years 6, 7 and 8, this breakdown includes separate information on our teaching of the 'Sex Education' section of the RSE topic. This remains an area of learning where parents are able to opt-out for their child, until the age of 16. It is important to say that the topic of sex education is initially covered in Year 6 Science which, as it is covered from a scientific perspective, is compulsory to all students.

We continually update and develop the resources and have selected the material covered based on both advice from the PHSE association (amongst other organisations), as well as our own experience of the needs of our students. We would, as ever, welcome parental input on this. If you would like to provide the school feedback on its RSE policy, please follow the link below.

[BPS RSE Policy Consultation](#)

Kind regards,

Ed Loader

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