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**Mr D Cooper
Principal**

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Dear Parent/Carer,

At Bassingbourn Village College, one of the aims of our Personal, Social, Health Education (PSHE) curriculum is to promote well-being and effective health education for all of our students.

Sex and Relationship Education (SRE) is an essential aspect of this education and is integrated into the PSHE programme at our school. It is widely accepted that SRE is an important part of the development of young people and gives them the opportunity to learn about themselves in a safe environment.

SRE plays a role in enabling young people to take responsibility for their own and other's sexual health and provides children with the knowledge, skills and attitudes to make safe and responsible choices about relationships and sex. Focused on skills, values and attitudes, SRE is a powerful tool in reducing behaviour which may place the young person at risk.

SRE is taught as a developing theme throughout a student's 5 years at Bassingbourn Village College. Each module is age appropriate and is designed to help the students answer questions that are relevant to them. In Year 7, students will be introduced to the topic of sex and relationships, this will be delivered by the PSHE Team. They will begin the term covering the emotional aspects of friendships and relationships. This will then be followed on by looking at the physical and emotional changes during puberty and the reproductive system.

I would like to inform you that the topic of SRE will be the focus for PSHE lessons after the Easter holidays. Although the vast majority of parents and carers wish their child to receive school based SRE, there is a parental right to withdraw children from the non-statutory aspects of the programme.

If you would like your child to be withdrawn from any part of the SRE programme, please contact me in writing by Thursday 20th April.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely

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