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Dear Parents and Carers,

As a part of your child's education at Iceni Academy, we promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education programme. PSHE education is the curriculum subject that gives children the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live safe, healthy, productive lives and meet their full potential. Here at Iceni Academy, PSHE are known as Health lessons in KS3 and is taught within the Health and Physical Education Faculty, predominantly by the Health and PE staff. KS4 pupils will study Citizenship lessons in preparation to sit an exam at the end of Year 11 and are taught these lessons predominately by the Humanities staff. We are writing to let you know when your child's class will be taking part in lessons, which will focus on the relationships and sex education (RSE) aspect of this programme. Please see the information below, relating to which half term each year group **will begin** covering this content. This content will be delivered from this date and will continue to be taught throughout the academic year as part of planned units of work.

Year 7	Autumn 2 to commence after October half term* * Please note that Year 7 lessons will specifically focus on content from the Year 6 programme of study, which would have usually taken place over the summer term at primary school as well as developing their knowledge in an age appropriate manner. We feel that it is enormously important to commit to delivering this content, in order to develop and consolidate your child's knowledge and understanding of this significant topic area, at an appropriate level of provision.
Year 8	Spring 1 to commence upon return from Christmas holidays in January
Year 9	Spring 1 to commence upon return from Christmas holidays in January
Year 10	Autumn 2: Individual and group identities including LGBTQ+. The right to a private life, through the media and social media.
Year 11	Autumn 2: Human Rights and control of one's body and body image

The content of both courses can be found in the RSE policy on the academy website. Please read this content carefully. Should you have any questions about this content, please click on the link to www.gov.uk FAQ parents section, which can be found on the academy website. Alternatively, please complete the parental question form, should you wish to ask about content which you feel has not been covered in the Government FAQ section. This form can also be found on the academy website.

It is important to emphasise that parents have a right to withdraw their child from any sex education lessons other than those, which are part of the science curriculum (reproduction and biological aspects). This right to withdraw will be agreed up until three terms before a child turns 16. Any pupils who are withdrawn from lessons will receive appropriate, purposeful education during the period of withdrawal.

Should you wish to withdraw your child from this aspect of Health or Citizenship lessons, please complete the withdrawal form which can be found on our academy website.

If you do not have internet access and would like any of the aforementioned documents to be sent to you, please contact Mrs Bradley, Lead Teacher for Health **by telephoning the school.**

In addition to the teaching of this content, pupils will also have opportunities to ask questions during lessons. Health (KS3) and Citizenship (KS4) lessons are taught throughout the school in every year group and are monitored and reviewed regularly by the staff and governing body. All Health lesson teaching takes place in a safe learning environment, with experienced staff, and are underpinned by our school ethos and values.

If you would like any additional information, or discuss any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the academy. Please direct KS3 (Health lessons in 7,8 and 9) queries to Mrs Bradley and KS4 (Citizenship in 10 and 11) queries to Mr Bedford.

Yours sincerely,



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Vice Principal- Safeguarding



Mrs Rebecca Bradley
Lead Teacher for Health



Mr Nick Bedford
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