



Our Lady and St Chad Catholic Academy

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Sexual Reproduction Education

As part of the science programme of study, sexual reproduction will be delivered in the course of the spring term. The objective of this programme will be to help young people develop the capacity for arriving at safe, healthy and moral decisions which are based on sound Christian principles of respect for oneself and others. Students will look at different views and arguments put forward around these issues, to help them develop their own opinions.

As a Roman Catholic Academy, we are concerned with Gospel values, the sanctity of life and the importance of a family, all issues which Archbishop Bernard has referred to in his letters to the Diocese of Birmingham on many occasions. It is important that young people learn accurate and factual information within a context where they feel comfortable to ask questions which will enable them to develop correct and meaningful, moral opinions.

Academy staff are experienced in dealing with this subject and work with other professionals from health groups to explore issues. The core aspects of this subject are taught through science, in-line with statutory National Curriculum requirements and Religious Education in line with Diocesan guidance which has been adopted by Academy Committee.

The following summary of the school policy will help parents understand the aims and objectives of Sexual Education:-

- To enable the students to understand and value their feelings and emotions; to come to respect their sexuality as an integral part of their person which can enable them to grow to the fullness of their potential.
- To inspire awe and wonder in creation and reverence for family life as a means of coming to know and experience the love of God; to appreciate the unique dignity of each human being, that each one of us is valued and important in God's plan.
- To enable young people to view objectively the information presented to them from a variety of sources and be able to make moral decisions with confidence.





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At times, students may explore sensitive issues such as contraception and abortion. Learning experiences will be through outstanding teaching, to ensure facts and information are conveyed in a sensitive manner, taking into consideration age and level of understanding.

If you wish to discuss a specific matter relating to these lessons please contact Mrs. O'Sullivan who has Academy responsibility for Sexual Reproduction Education.

Yours sincerely,

Miss T Ellis
Principal

