

# Lisnagarvey High School

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*School Values*  
*Mutual Respect*  
*Success for All*  
*Meeting the Needs of Individuals*  
*Caring and Responsible*

*Principal – Jim Sheerin*

Ref JS/LK/CB

June 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Guidance has been issued to schools in relation to the implementation of the Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) Northern Ireland (Amendment) Regulations Act 2023 as part of the preventative curriculum. This requires schools to provide a minimum requirement on the delivery of RSE in school, which is age appropriate and scientifically accurate. RSE lessons could be taught during Learning for Life and Work lessons, Digital Skills lessons or Home Economics lessons, it is not a standalone period on your child's timetable. We also will invite different guest speakers in to provide workshops e.g. PSNI/Youth Justice on the dangers of Sexting.

We recognise that children develop at different rates, and we are keen to hear from parents and pupils on when you feel would be the most appropriate age for your child to be provided comprehensive and scientifically accurate education on sexual and reproductive health and rights. RSE lessons will be taught progressively, with new information building on prior learning each year. In order to make an informed decision, links have been provided on the consultation document to the CCEA website, which are the resources that we will use in school. Pupils will complete a similar consultation in September. The school's RSE policy will be updated with the results of this consultation in 2024/25.

In order to complete the consultation, click on the link below which will be open until 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024:

<https://forms.gle/EW4spvHXgpHWnuMC7>

A further letter will be made available to parents in September who wish to request that their child is excused from lessons on the prevention of early pregnancy and access to abortion. Parents are not required to give reasons why they wish their child to be excused.

Yours Sincerely,

*L Knipe*

Mrs L. Knipe  
Head of Pastoral Care