



# St. Mary of Charity Primary School

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## Information on “The right to withdraw” from sex education at SMC

As a parent or carer in our school community, you have the right to withdraw your child from the teaching of sex education at our school. Sex Education is taught under three objectives in Years 4, 5 and 6. These are the ones in red on the table below:

| Puberty and Human Reproduction in Jigsaw 3-11 |                      |  |
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| Y4  | Having a baby        | The choice to have a baby, the parts of men and women that make babies and – in simple terms – <b>how this happens</b> (animations used – the Female Reproductive System)                          |
|   | Girls and puberty    | How a girl’s body changes so that she can have a baby when she’s an adult – including menstruation (animations used – the Female Reproductive System)  |
| Y5  | Puberty for girls    | Physical changes and feelings about them – importance of looking after yourself (animations used – the Female Reproductive System)   |
|   | Puberty for boys     | Developing understanding of changes for both sexes – reassurance and exploring feelings (animations used – the Male Reproductive System)   |
|   | Conception           | <b>Understanding the place of sexual intercourse in a relationship and how it can lead to conception and the wonder of a new life</b> (animations used – the Female and Male Reproductive Systems) |
| Y6  | Puberty              | Consolidating understanding of physical and emotional changes and how they affect us (animations used – the Female and Male Reproductive Systems)  |
|   | Girl talk / boy talk | A chance to ask questions and reflect (single sex) (animations used – the Female and Male Reproductive Systems)  |
|   | Conception to birth  | <b>The story of pregnancy and birth</b> (animations used – the Female and Male Reproductive Systems)   |

It is important for Parents and Carers to be aware that Relationship and Health education is statutory and all objectives that fall under these titles must be taught in English schools as part of the National Curriculum.

We ask that all families read the guidance included on our school website so that they feel informed of the content of the curriculum. If families have any questions, they should contact a member of the senior team to talk about any concerns they may have.

If a parent or carer of a child in Year 4 - 6 would like to withdraw their child from learning the parts of the curriculum in red above, then they must put this request in writing. This letter should be directed to a member of the senior team who will then contact you to clarify which objectives you wish to withdraw



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*your child from and why. During this conversation, an agreement will be made in line with the wishes and feelings of parents and the statutory expectations of the National Curriculum. Senior staff will then inform class teachers accordingly.*

*It is important that parents and carers understand that this is the only area of the curriculum that parents have the right to withdraw their child from. Aspects of human reproduction taught factually in science, is in line with the National Curriculum and therefore does not carry the same right of withdrawal.*