

## Sex Education Policy

Queen Elizabeth's Grammar, Alford will offer its students a curriculum that will prepare them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life and promote the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of students at the school. The specific role of sex education is to provide knowledge about loving relationships, the nature of sexuality and the processes of human reproduction.

The governors have a responsibility to make sex education available to all students and are satisfied that the programme of study complies with Section 241 of the 1993 Education Act, which provides that:

“education about human sexual behaviour (including education about HIV and AIDS) will be removed from the National Curriculum”

*and*

“at all maintained schools, parents will have the right to withdraw their children from all or part of the sex education offered”

Sex education is delivered through the tutorial programme and, in a limited way, as an adjunct to studies in other curriculum areas.

In Y7-9 pupils receive talks from the school nurse on menstruation and emotional changes and in Y10/Y11 she talks to students about sexually transmitted diseases and sexual responsibility. In National Curriculum Science the biology of human reproduction is taught in Y7, Y9 and Y10/11.

Staff approach the teaching of these issues in a manner which is sensitive and appropriate to the pupils' stage of development. Pupils will be encouraged to have due regard to moral considerations, to respect the feelings and views of other people and to be aware of the value and importance of personal and family relationships.

It is not considered appropriate for staff to give individual pupils advice on matters relating to sexual behaviour and in particular contraception. If approached, staff will encourage a pupil to seek advice from his/her parents or, if appropriate, the relevant health service professional (eg the school nurse or a pupil's GP).

The school nurse offers counselling to pupils and is closely involved with our health education programme.

The Headteacher, on behalf of the governing body, reviews this policy and monitors its implementation alongside tutors and the Heads of Lower, Middle and Upper School.

Parents should contact Miss Francis (Headteacher) or the Head of Lower/Middle/Upper School if they have any concerns or wish to withdraw their child from any part of the sex education programme.