



Hayesfield Girls' School

Achieving Ambitions

Sex Education Policy

Principles

At Hayesfield Girls' School we are committed to providing good quality sex education within the context of our Personal, Social, Health and Moral Education Programme.

Due to recent legislation, we have reviewed our programme with the assistance of parents, teachers, students and Health Professionals. We are by law, obliged to provide sex education, including information about HIV and AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

It is our policy to seek to promote the value of family life and caring relationships.

Your role as parents

'The prime responsibility for bringing up children rests with parents.' Education Act '93 Sex Education in Schools circular 5/94.

- Parents have access to the sex education programme and can view materials used.
- Parents may collect a copy of the syllabus from the school office if they wish to look at it in detail.
- Heads of Year and the School Nurse will be willing to discuss the programme with you.
- Parents will be informed by letter or the Student Bulletin when topics of a sensitive nature are to be discussed in the term's PSHEE programme.
- Any comments parents wish to make in writing will be welcomed by the Sex Education Working Party, which will review the policy annually.

Parents' Right to Withdraw Students

Parents now have the right to withdraw their child from sex education. If they wish to do this they need to put their request in writing, to the Head of Year. We would be happy to discuss any issue with parents if they have queries about the programme.