

Template of letter to secondary school head teacher/chair of governors (maintained school)

Dear Head Teacher and Chair of Governors,

I am writing to you regarding the implementation of the new curriculum on relationships and sex education. I am aware that the new subjects will be brought in during this school year and that the school now has a statutory obligation to consult parents on the curriculum [1].

I very much want to engage in this process, so please can you let me know well in advance, on what date the consultation will open and on what date it will close and what opportunities there will be to see the material and topics being taught? It would be greatly appreciated if you could provide any material in advance of consultation meetings so that I can understand it beforehand and therefore contribute to any meeting or written submission in the most helpful way possible.

In addition, please can you let me know whether the school is electing to teach sex education at the same time as, or separately to relationships education, and if together how the right of parental withdrawal will be provided in relation to sex education?

Finally, please can you send me a copy of the current school policy on Relationships and Sex Education?[2]

Kind regards,

XXX

1. See Section 80B (3) Education Act 2002 (as amended in 2019): '(3) The governing body must consult parents of registered pupils at the school before making or revising a statement under subsection (1).'
2. See Section 80B(1) Education Act 2002 (as amended in 2019): Relationships education and relationships and sex education: statements of policy
3. The governing body of a maintained school must—
 - make, and keep up to date, a separate written statement of their policy with regard to the provision of education under each of paragraphs (1)(c) and (d) of section 80, and
 - publish a copy of the statement on a website and provide a copy free of charge to anyone who asks for one.