



Dear Sir/Madam,

Year 9 PSHCE Curriculum

According to the Year 9 Personal Social Health Careers Education syllabus our next unit focuses on personal development. In this we must cover certain topics which some parts of society may find delicate or controversial, such as illicit substances, sexual health and sexual relationships. As an educational institution, our duty is to provide knowledge and understanding, as well as the tools and strategies for your children to face and successfully overcome difficult situations.

Your child was asked how they felt about discussing such topics in the lessons and what approach they would like to take in learning about them. The answer I received was positive and mature, as they all seemed aware of the importance of staying safe. Therefore, they requested to do some research on these topics, specifically related to teenagers, analysing some high profile cases on documentaries and producing a presentation based on what they have learned.

Whilst the pupils will have a certain amount of freedom in the way they learn during this unit, I will be providing constant supervision as well suitable, appropriate material that they will use. Nevertheless, I also understand that you may be concerned with your children being exposed to certain scenes where teenagers are seen to be overly aggressive, misusing alcohol and drugs or partaking in underage sexual relationships. Therefore, if you would prefer your child not to learn in such an open fashion please could you email me (ricardo.gil@iesmail.com) at your earliest convenience. In this instance, I will put an alternative programme in place for your child that still rigorously addresses these very important contemporary societal issues.

Please do not hesitate to contact if you require any further information. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Gil
Year 9 PSHCE Teacher