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**THE
COWPLAIN
SCHOOL**

Headteacher

Mr IR Gates MA NPQH

Dear Parent

RSHE in Year 9

As a part of your child's education at The Cowplain School, we promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE). RSHE is the curriculum subject that gives young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live safe, healthy, productive lives and meet their full potential.

From February, your child's class will be taking part in lessons which will focus specifically on the Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) aspect of the programme. RSE lessons in Year 9 will include teaching about healthy relationships and communication skills; families and marriage; sexuality and consent; sexually transmitted infections; contraception and pregnancy. Students will have opportunities to ask questions in a safe environment that helps prepare them for relationships of all kinds in the modern world.

RSHE is taught throughout the school in every year group and is monitored and reviewed regularly by the staff and Academy Trust. All RSHE teaching takes place in a safe environment, is taught in an age-appropriate manner, and is underpinned by our school ethos and values. Please visit the school's website for further information about our RSHE curriculum for Year 9.

As a school community we are committed to working in partnership with parents. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

Miss Z Carter-Brown
Assistant Headteacher