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**THE  
COWPLAIN  
SCHOOL**

**Principal**  
Mr IR Gates MA NPQH

Dear Parent

### **RSHE in Year 8**

As 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) programme. RSHE provides young people with the knowledge, understanding, and practical skills they need to live safe, healthy, and productive lives, and to achieve their full potential.

This term, Year 8 students are beginning with the *Relationships* (RSE) strand. The unit will explore the following aspects related with Sexual Health:

- Introduction to Contraception
- Introduction to Pornography

From the June half term, lessons will move on to the *Living in the Wider World* strand of RSHE. The unit explores the following aspects:

- Social justice
- Diversity and neurodiversity
- Stereotyping and gender stereotypes
- Teen stereotyping

Students will be able to explore these topics in a safe, supportive environment and will have opportunities to ask questions that prepare them for healthy relationships of all kinds and life in the wider world.

RSHE is taught across all year groups, delivered in an age-appropriate way, and is regularly reviewed by staff and Trustees. All lessons are underpinned by our school ethos and values. Further details about the Year 8 RSHE curriculum can be found on our school website.

As always, we value working in partnership with parents. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

Yours sincerely

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