



# Phoenix St. Peter Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

## Our PHSE & RHSE Policy Consultation

I would like to thank our families that took the time to complete our Parent and Carer Survey recently, and to those who attended our meeting on Wednesday which was very supportive and positive. This subject has had a lot of media coverage, but I hope that the consultation has reassured everyone.

### You have told us that your main concerns are that:

- 🌟 We don't teach human reproduction.
- 🌟 We don't 'promote' or 'encourage' certain sexual orientations.
- 🌟 What is 'age-appropriate'?

### We appreciate your concerns and can provide you with the following reassurance:

- 🌟 For children's safety, and also as part of science curriculum, we teach the biological terms for human body parts i.e. penis.
- 🌟 That SCARF is very carefully planned to be 'age-appropriate'.
- 🌟 We have agreed that human reproduction will remain in Key Stage 3 - part of high school science.
- 🌟 We will teach puberty in Year 5 & 6 and inform our families before lessons are delivered.
- 🌟 We teach respectful attitudes towards diversity and difference, including being homosexual and in a same sex relationship.
- 🌟 There is no agenda for encouraging certain religions, beliefs or sexual orientation.

Thank you again for your support, and should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

**Mr. M.L. Jordan**  
Executive Headteacher