

Farnborough Spencer Academy: RSE consultation process

Consultation refers to schools giving parents information and hearing their opinions with a view towards taking them into consideration. The statutory guidance states: *"All schools must have in place a written policy for relationships education and RSE. Schools must consult parents in developing and reviewing their policy. Schools should ensure that the policy meets the needs of pupils and parents and reflects the community they serve."*

In consulting on our new RSE policy we carried out the following actions:

- Sent a parent letter with a link to the policy asking for any feedback or comments.
- Invited parents to the Academy for a consultation meeting event.
- Staff were informed of the new policy and invited to give feedback.
- The policy was taken to the student council and feedback sought.

Responses to the consultation

- The student council gave feedback around the ordering of topics for Year 9 (domestic violence). Students felt this topic should take place earlier in the academic year or earlier in the Key Stage, as they felt Domestic Violence impacts people of all ages.
- No other responses were received.

Actions following the consultation

- Domestic Violence has now been moved to the Year 8 curriculum.

Notes

- The policy will be updated again in two years.

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