To: Parents and carers of current pupils

Monday, 19 October 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Policy Consultation

Jesmond Park Academy is committed to ensuring that its Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) provision reflects the needs of pupils, meets statutory requirements and supports young people to develop healthy, respectful relationships and make informed decisions about their health, safety and wellbeing.

We are therefore consulting on proposed revisions to the academy's Relationships and Sex Education Policy.

Why are we consulting?

Relationships and Sex Education plays an important role in supporting pupils to:

- develop positive, healthy and respectful relationships;
- understand personal wellbeing, safety and consent;
- recognise and respond appropriately to risks, including those encountered online; and
- prepare for the opportunities and responsibilities of adult life.

We value the views of parents and carers and welcome feedback on the proposed changes.

Key proposed changes

The main changes to the policy include:

- alignment with the Department for Education's 2025 statutory RSHE guidance;
- expanded health and wellbeing education;
- enhanced safeguarding and online safety content;
- increased parental engagement and access to teaching materials; and
- a greater focus on equality, inclusion and support for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

Consultation period

Consultation opens: Monday, 19 October 2026 at 9.00am
Consultation closes: Sunday, 15 November 2026 at 11.59pm

How to respond

Please review the draft policy, which can be found by visiting

and submit your response to: communications@gosforthgroup.org.uk. Alternatively, a paper response can be submitted to:

Communications, Assurance and Engagement Team
Gosforth Group
c/o North Gosforth Academy
Dudley Lane
Seaton Burn
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE13 6EJ

All responses must be received by **11.59pm on Sunday, 15 November 2026**.

Further information

A copy of the draft Relationships and Sex Education Policy is available on the Jesmond Park Academy website. A paper copy can also be requested from the academy.

If you have any questions about the consultation or require the information in an alternative format, please contact:

Contact: Joanne Metcalf, Head of RE, Citizenship & PD

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Thank you for taking the time to review the draft policy and respond to the consultation. All feedback received will be considered before the policy is finalised and presented for approval.

Yours faithfully,

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