

Sexual Health and Relationships Policy

King's College London
Mathematics School

Monitoring and Reviewing

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Aims

Sexual Health and Relationships Education at King's College London Mathematics School (hereafter, KCLMS) provides information and guidance to students on issues of sex, sexuality and sexual health. Sexual Health and Relationships Education at KCLMS supports the physical, moral and emotional development of students. It is about understanding the importance of stable and loving relationships, respect, love and care. Sexual Health and Relationships Education at KCLMS is not about the promotion of sexual orientation or sexual activity.

Sexual Health and Relationships Education is not statutory post 16. However KCLMS believes that high quality Sexual Health and Relationships Education is an important part of schooling which supports young people's development and prepares them for adult life.

KCLMS sees the aims of Sexual Health and Relationships Education to be as follows:

- to promote the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of students;
- to prepare the students for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life so that they may make a positive contribution to society;
- to encourage health-promoting behaviour.

Procedure

The Sexual Health and Relationships Education programme will be delivered as part of Personal Development via specific lessons and talks delivered by specialists. Outside agencies concerned with promoting sexual health and healthy relationships will be invited to KCLMS to deliver factual content. Parents / carers who wish to withdraw students from the Sexual Health and Relationships Education programme must contact the school by emailing mathsschool@kcl.ac.uk to notify the school of this request. If a parent / carer wishes to withdraw a child, they are asked to discuss it with the Assistant Head (PDBW) to be clear about what the student will do when withdrawn. It should be made clear, however, that if students who are withdrawn from Sexual Health and Relationships Education ask questions at other times, these questions will be answered honestly by staff.

The Assistant Head (PDBW) has responsibility for designing the content of Sex and Relationship Education at KCLMS. The content of Sexual Health and Relationships Education at KCLMS will be monitored and reviewed by the Assistant Head (PDBW) with the support of KCLMS teaching staff. The content of Sexual Health and Relationships Education will reflect KCLMS's aims for Sexual Health and Relationships Education stated above and will meet the needs of KCLMS students as judged by the Assistant Head (PDBW)

in appropriate consultation with students, staff, parents / carers, and outside agencies concerned with promoting sexual health.

Confidentiality Policy (Safeguarding)

Teachers are required to adhere to KCLMS's policy on confidentiality between themselves and students as set out within this section. Students should be reassured that their best interests will be maintained, however, teachers cannot offer or guarantee absolute confidentiality when they become aware of any information which causes concern in line with the KCLMS Safeguarding policy. If confidentiality has to be broken, the student should be informed first and then supported by the teacher, as appropriate. When discussing issues in the classroom, any student disclosure that indicates a student is or may be at risk (see below) must be reported by the teacher to the Designated Safeguarding Lead, who will decide whether parents / carers should be informed, and any other action taken. Class teachers will not directly inform parents / carers of disclosures.

Students are deemed to be 'at risk' if they are:

- involved in situations where they can endanger themselves or others;
- involved in situations where they are being exploited or are exploiting others;
- victims of physical, sexual or emotional abuse.

The Senior Leadership Team and KCLMS Governors will support the staff member in exercising her/his professional judgment about what is in the young person's best interest.

It is only in the most exceptional circumstance that KCLMS will be in the position of handling information without parental knowledge. Students are encouraged to talk to their parents / carers and will be given all appropriate support in order to do so. If there is any evidence that abuse is or may be occurring, KCLMS's child protection procedures will be followed.

Use of Outside Visitors

Professionals from outside KCLMS are involved in teaching the Sexual Health and Relationships Education programme at certain times. Every visitor or professional speaker involved in this programme will be made aware of the KCLMS Safeguarding policy for casual staff and reporting procedures. KCLMS exercises great care in the choice of external speakers.

Use of Outside Agencies

When staff deem it necessary, KCLMS will provide information to students about outside agencies who support young people around issues of sex and sexuality, for instance the Brook Family Planning and Sexual Health Clinics available in Brixton and Southwark.

Information on the Policy

Parents / carers are informed of KCLMS's Sexual Health and Relationships Education Policy through KCLMS's website. Parents / carers may wish to withdraw students from the Sexual Health and Relationships Education programme; to do so they must contact the school directly by email.