

Agreement from Parents/Carers for Child's Involvement in Focus Group

It is not a requirement that parents are consulted before children engage in a standard activity in school, such as giving feedback on their lessons. However, where you know there are sensitivities for the family in the area of RSE, it is worth considering whether a letter such as this would be useful in maintaining openness and positive communication.

You would only send this letter to parents of the children selected to take part in a focus group.

Possible Letter Content

Dear Parents & Carers,

As you may be aware, the DfE guidance for Relationships and Health Education will become statutory from September 2020. The guidance requires us to consult with different groups in our community when developing our policies in this area, and we would like your support with this.

As part of our consultation, we would like to speak with a group of children, including your child, to find out how they currently gain information about relationships and health. We will use the information gathered from the children during this consultation to inform our next steps, but all information will remain anonymous.

We propose to do as follows:

- A short survey of up to 8 age-appropriate questions (this will ask where children currently gain information about relationships and health education topics. We will ask children in Y5/6 about sex education - that is learning about human reproduction and birth.)
- Mixed groups of 6 children
- The groups will be from years 1/2, 3/4 and 5/6

Please sign and return the form below if you are happy for your child to be part of this group. If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thanking you in anticipation of your kind support.

With kind regards

Relationships Education and Health Education consultation with children.

Name of child..... Class.....

I do/do not (please delete as appropriate) give permission for my child to be part of the Relationships Education and Health consultation in school.

Name of parent/ carer..... Signature of parent/carers.....

Date.....