

Guidance for Faith Schools

PaJeS prides itself on supporting schools from across our community. We respect the individuality of each school and strongly believe in the right of every school to determine its own ethos and protect its Jewish values.

Below is an overview for parents outlining the different requirements for Relationship and Sex Education and when parents have a right for withdrawal

Relationship Education:

includes internet safety, teaching about resilience and how to form healthy relationships and more...

	Compulsory	Age appropriate	Right for parental withdrawal
Primary School	✓	✓	×
Secondary School	✓	✓	×

Sex Education:

could include teaching about sexual relationships from a faith perspective

	Voluntary	Compulsory	Age appropriate	Right for parental withdrawal
Primary School	\checkmark	X	\checkmark	✓
Secondary School	×	\checkmark	√	✓

Challenges in delivering RSE:

Primary School

- a) Should not face any challenges in implementation as sex education is voluntary and flexibility is given to schools as to what to include as part of relationships education, in line with the ethos of the school
- b) Parents will not be able to withdraw children from lessons, should there be elements of relationship education that they are uncomfortable with

Secondary School

- a) Will need to define the term age appropriate in line with the parent body to ensure that they can explain which elements they choose to teach at which age.
- b) Though most schools will be able to be compliant those schools that do not teach any form of sex education will find this challenging.
- c) Parents will have the option to withdraw children from sex education lessons, but not from any relationship education lessons they are uncomfortable with.

