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Our ref: 9153916

Your ref:

Date: 3 July 2023

Dear Ms Cross,

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been considered by Warwickshire County Council. I am writing to inform you that I am unable to provide the information you have requested.

You asked us:

I would like to know what is being taught to children in infant, middle school and senior schools in Warwickshire with regard to RSE lessons.

This is what I would like to know.

- 1.) Details of the curriculum being taught for all age groups regarding sex education.***
- 2.) Are parents allowed to opt their children out of these lessons?***
- 3.) If not, why not?***
- 4.) Do schools use outside agencies to deliver the lessons?***
- 5.) If so, please name these agencies.***
- 6.) Do individuals visit schools to discuss gender ideology?***
- 7.) If so, to what extent are students expected to participate in these discussions?***
- 8.) Are parents provided with in depth information beforehand as to what topics will be covered?***

9.) Are written handouts, pamphlets or questionnaires provided/handed out to students?

The information you have requested is not held by Warwickshire County Council. This is because the relationship, sex and health education (RSHE) curriculum is the responsibility of schools to deliver, and therefore each school will hold this information.

From September 2020, the statutory duty for delivering RSHE was transferred to schools. Primary schools have a duty to deliver relationship and health education, and secondary schools have a duty to delivery relationship, sex and health education. The statutory guidance is available here:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1090195/Relationships Education RSE and Health Education.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1090195/Relationships_Education_RSE_and_Health_Education.pdf)

The duty includes having a published RSHE policy on the school website, which must be written and refreshed in consultation with parents and carers. Each school would design their own curriculum, including specifics on content, materials, delivery method, etc.

We therefore recommend, if you have not already done so, that you contact the schools themselves for further information. You can find the contact details for schools in the Warwickshire local authority area on our "Find a school" webpage at the link below:

Find a school - <https://apps.warwickshire.gov.uk/findaschool>

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Information Management
Shire Hall
Warwick
CV34 4RL
inforights@warwickshire.gov.uk

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House, Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF.
Phone: 0303 123 1113
Website: www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely,

Zofia Gilroy
Information Rights Officer