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Welcome

QUICK START SUMMARY

Today, do these 3 things:

1. Read your school policy
2. Ask your child one calm open question
3. Save the email template below

That alone puts you ahead of most parents.

Many parents today feel uneasy.

You sense something is changing in schools, culture, and society – but you may not know:

1. what is actually happening
2. what your rights are
3. what schools must do
4. what schools do not have to do
5. how to raise concerns effectively
6. how to protect your child without conflict or panicking

This pack is designed to help you move from confusion to confidence.

SECTION 1: FIRST PRINCIPLES

Remember these truths

1. You are the primary educator of your child

Schools support education. They do not replace parents.

2. Concern does not equal extremism

You are allowed to ask questions.

3. Calm parents are powerful parents

Emotion can be dismissed. Calm evidence cannot.

4. One informed parent can help many others

Often, many parents privately agree but stay silent.

5. Most problems are solved early through clarity

Act early, politely, firmly.

SECTION 2: KNOW YOUR RIGHTS (UK GENERAL GUIDANCE)

(Always check your specific school policy.)

You may request:

- RSHE / Relationships / Sex Education policy
- Curriculum outlines
- Teaching resources lists
- Age-group content summaries
- Consultation details
- Safeguarding procedures
- Complaint procedures

Schools should act with:

- transparency
- professionalism
- parental engagement
- age appropriateness
- safeguarding focus

You may raise concern about:

- explicit material
- ideological bias
- secrecy
- poor consultation
- age-inappropriate delivery
- disrespect of beliefs
- unclear safeguarding rationale

Important

Your goal is not to “win an argument”.

Your goal is:

- clarity
- accountability
- better outcomes for children

SECTION 3: THE 10 QUESTIONS EVERY PARENT SHOULD ASK

Send politely by email or ask in meeting.

1. Please share the current RSHE / relationships policy.
2. What topics are taught in my child's year group?
3. What resources or external providers are used?
4. How is age appropriateness assessed?
5. Were parents consulted? If so, when?
6. How are differing faith viewpoints respected?
7. Can parents preview resources?
8. What is statutory and what is discretionary?
9. How are sensitive questions handled in class?
10. What is the route for concerns or feedback?

SECTION 4: RED FLAG CHECKLIST

These signs do **not** automatically prove wrongdoing – but they justify asking questions.

Process Red Flags

- “Parents don’t need to know.”
- Refusal to share materials
- No consultation process
- Vague answers repeatedly
- Defensive hostility to basic questions

Content Red Flags

- Explicit material beyond maturity level
- Political activism framed as fact
- One-sided worldview presented as unquestionable
- Identity confusion encouraged rather than supported carefully
- Shame placed on traditional beliefs

Culture Red Flags

- Parents mocked or stereotyped
- Children told to hide matters from parents
- Staff unwilling to discuss concerns respectfully

SECTION 5: HOW TO WRITE THE FIRST EMAIL

Golden Rules

- short
- respectful
- specific
- evidence-based
- assume goodwill initially

TEMPLATE 1: INFORMATION REQUEST

Dear [School Name],

I hope you are well.

I am writing as a parent of a child at the school and would be grateful if you could please share the current RSHE / relationships education policy, along with an outline of content taught to [year group].

I would also appreciate confirmation of any external resources or providers used.

Thank you for your time and support.

Kind regards,
[Your Name]—

TEMPLATE 2: CONCERN RAISED

Dear [School Name],

I am writing respectfully to request clarification regarding recent lesson content discussed by my child.

I would appreciate understanding what was taught, the educational rationale, and how age appropriateness was assessed.

I value the school's role and hope we can resolve this constructively.

Kind regards,
[Your Name]—

SECTION 6: HOW TO ATTEND MEETINGS

Before the Meeting

Bring:

- notebook
- printed questions
- relevant emails
- another parent if appropriate

During the Meeting

Do:

- stay calm
- ask for specifics
- ask what is statutory
- ask who approved content
- ask for written follow-up

Do not:

- rant
- speculate
- insult staff
- overtalk

Magic Phrase

"Thank you. Could you please confirm that in writing?"

SECTION 7: THE PARENT POWER STRATEGY

A lone parent is easy to ignore.

A respectful organised group is not.

How to organise properly

Create a small parent group

Use WhatsApp or email.

Keep standards high

No gossip. No abuse. No rumours.

Share only verified facts

Policies, screenshots, emails, dates.

Co-ordinate asks

Ten parents requesting policy calmly is stronger than one angry complaint!

Use one spokesperson when needed

Clearer and more effective.

SECTION 8: WHAT TO SAY TO YOUR CHILD AT HOME

Children need calm guidance, not panic.

Helpful lines

- "You can always ask me anything."
- "Some people believe different things. We'll talk about it together."
- "You never need to carry confusion alone."
- "We love you and want to guide you."
- "If something worries you at school, tell us."

Avoid

- making the child fearful
- attacking teachers personally
- interrogating aggressively
- turning them into a messenger

SECTION 9: ESCALATION LADDER

Use this order.

Stage 1

Teacher / class lead

Stage 2

Headteacher / leadership

Stage 3

Formal complaint via policy

Stage 4

Governors / Trust

Stage 5

External regulator / authority if serious

Escalate gradually unless urgent safeguarding issues exist.

SECTION 10: COMMON MISTAKES PARENTS MAKE

Mistake 1: Waiting too long

Concerns harden over time.

Mistake 2: Angry first contact

Reduces co-operation.

Mistake 3: No evidence

Keep dates, emails, notes.

Mistake 4: Social media first

Usually worse than formal channels first.

Mistake 5: Confusing everything together

Be specific.

SECTION 11: 30-DAY PARENT ACTION PLAN

Week 1

- Read school policies
- Ask child open questions
- Join with 1-2 sensible parents

Week 2

- Submit information request if needed
- Document responses

Week 3

- Request meeting if unresolved

Week 4

- Decide next step calmly, based on evidence

SECTION 12: IF YOU FEEL INTIMIDATED

Remember:

- asking questions is normal
- parental involvement is healthy
- firmness can be polite
- institutions respect prepared people

SECTION 13: EMERGENCY CHECKLIST

If your child reports something serious:

1. Stay calm
2. Write exact details immediately
3. Ask clarifying questions gently
4. Contact school promptly in writing
5. Escalate if needed
6. Support child emotionally

FINAL WORD

The aim is healthy children, informed parents, trustworthy schools.

Strong families + accountable schools = thriving children.

You do not need to be *loud*.

You need to be *clear*.