

PRESS RELEASE

Parent Zone welcomes compulsory sex education in schools

1 March 2017: [Parent Zone](#), the UK's leading specialist organisation advocating for parents and children in the digital age has welcomed today's announcement from the Secretary of State for Education that Relationship and Sex Education is to be made compulsory in English schools.

Justine Greening also announced the introduction of a new subject, Relationship Education, in primary schools.

The amendments to the Children and Social Work bill will also allow the government to 'make regulations requiring personal, social, health and economic education (PSHE) to be taught in all schools in England – primary and secondary, maintained and academy – in future.'

Parent Zone's sister site [ParentInfo.org](#) was launched in 2015 specifically to fill the need of parents and carers for expert advice on sex and relationships, and other topics that affect their children's wellbeing and resilience.

Vicki Shotbolt, CEO and founder of Parent Zone, and the official parents' representative on the UK Council for Child Internet Safety, says:

'Sex and relationship education has never been more important than it is now for children growing up in a digital age. Parents are facing ever more challenging conversations with children and they need all the support they can get to ensure that children have the knowledge and support they need.'

'Parents tell us that they find talking to their children about subjects like pornography, unhealthy relationships and abuse, incredibly challenging, particularly when their children are young.'

'That's why we created Parent Info, to provide expert information to parents about all of these topics. We know that many schools, including our Digital School Members, are already do a great job of teaching children about sex and relationships but this new announcement will mean that parents can feel more confident that their children will have an opportunity to explore these issues through high quality teaching.'

For expert comment on families and the digital world from Parent Zone, please contact press@parentzone.org.uk or call 020 704 0415.

About Parent Zone:

Parent Zone is the leading organisation supporting parents in the digital age. Our founder and CEO Vicki Shotbolt is the official parents' representative on the government body, the UK Council For Child Internet Safety (UKCCIS). Parent Zone works with parents, schools and companies to make the internet work for families by offering expert advice and content.