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Dear Parents/ Guardians

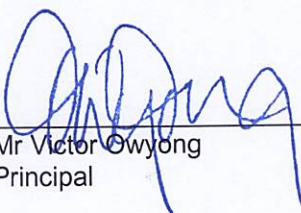
MOE SEXUALITY EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS

Greetings from Geylang Methodist School (Secondary).

1. Sexuality Education (SEd) in schools aims to enable students to understand the physiological, social and emotional changes they experience as they mature, develop healthy and rewarding relationships with others, including those with members of the opposite sex, and make wise, informed and responsible decisions on sexuality matters. SEd is premised on the importance of the family as the basic unit of society. This means encouraging healthy, heterosexual marriages and stable nuclear family units with extended family support. The teaching and learning of SEd is based on respect for the values and beliefs of the different ethnic and religious communities in Singapore on sexuality issues.
2. The **Goals** of Sexuality Education are:
 - (a) Support students in managing their physiological, social and emotional changes as they grow up and develop safe and healthy relationships.
 - (b) Guide students to make wise, informed and responsible decisions on sexuality matters.
 - (c) Help students develop a moral compass and respect for themselves and others by having positive mainstream values and attitudes about sexuality that are premised on the family as the basic unit of society.
3. The **Key Messages** of Sexuality Education are:
 - (a) Love and respect yourself as you love and respect others;
 - (b) Build positive relationships based on love and respect (which are the foundation for strong families);
 - (c) Make responsible decisions for yourself, your family and society; and
 - (d) Abstinence before marriage is the best protection against STIs/HIV and unintended pregnancies. Casual sex can harm and hurt you and your loved ones.
4. The school will be conducting the Sexuality Education Programme during the Character and Citizenship Education (CCE) periods. The lessons will be held throughout the year.
5. Your child/ward will benefit from the Sexuality Education Programme throughout his/her formative years. However, if you **do not wish** your child/ward to attend this programme, please complete the compulsory opt-out form below. Do note that students who have opted out of the programme will be assigned alternative work during that period.
6. Please visit the school's Sexuality Education webpage for more information on GMS(S) Sexuality Education Programme for 2024.
7. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter on Parents Gateway (PG) or return the signed Acknowledgement Form (top half) to your child's/ ward's form teacher by **15 Jan 2024**.
8. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mdm Zuraidah Omar at 67466503 (ext 411).

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Victor Owyong
Principal



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Date: _____ Parent's Name: _____

Parent of (Child's name): _____ Child's Class: _____

[Parents' Acknowledgement – This is to be signed by parents of all students.]

SEXUALITY EDUCATION LESSONS FOR YEAR 2024

I acknowledge receipt of letter from the school regarding the school's sexuality education dated 28/12/23, that will be taught in 2024. I have read and understood the information provided on the content coverage and delivery of the programme.

Parent's Acknowledgement: Name & Signature

Compulsory Parent Opt-out Form – Applicable only if parents wish to opt their child out of the Sexuality Education Lessons

Name of Principal: Mr Victor Owyong
Name of School: Geylang Methodist School (Secondary)

Dear Principal (through Form Teacher)

SEXUALITY EDUCATION LESSONS FOR YEAR 2024

1. I would like to withdraw my child/ward, _____, of
(full name of child/ward)
_____ from the *Sexuality Education Lessons* for 2024.
(class of child/ward)
2. My reason(s) for my decision to opt my child/ward out of the programme:
 - Religious reasons
 - My child/ward is too young.
 - I would like to personally educate my child/ward on sexuality matters.
 - I do not think it is important for my child/ward to attend Sexuality Education lessons.
 - I have previously taught my child/ward the topics in the Sexuality Education lessons for this year.
 - I am not comfortable with the topics covered in the Sexuality Education lessons for this year.
 - Others: _____
3. Thank you.

Parent's Name & Signature

Contact No. (mobile)

Email address (optional)

Religion*: Nil / Buddhism / Islam / Hinduism / Roman Catholicism / Christianity - Others /Sikhism / Judaism / Taoism /
Others (please specify): _____ (*delete where applicable)