

Parent Carers of SEND Children and Young People.

Sunderland Parent Carer Forum (SPCF) are holding a virtual cuppa and a catch up (via Zoom) this Friday 9th July, starting at 10.30, with guests from 11 where we'll be talking Sex Ed for our SEND children and young people.

Given the subject, and to ensure we have genuine parent carers, please email spcfoffice@sunderlandpcf.co.uk to book your place, and SPCF send you the Zoom joining details.

Presentation from Public Health and the 0-19 Growing Healthy Service, to hear about RSE for our SEND children and young people in Sunderland, finding out what will be taught when, and have some input in how RSE will be taught; there will be time for discussions and questions after the short presentation.

Guests are David Messenger who is sexual health practitioner, Danika Shilday who oversees the RSE implementation in schools, and Kaye Swinney, a manager within Growing Healthy Sunderland, who deliver the 0-19 Public Health Service.

High quality Relationships & Sex Education (RSE) is every child's right, no matter what their level of need or ability. Both mainstream and special schools must comply with Government guidance on the subject, and new legislation making RSE mandatory applies to every type of school in England.

The role of parents in the development of their children's understanding about relationships is vital. Parents are the first teachers of their children. They have the most significant influence in enabling their children to grow and mature and to form healthy relationships.

Parent Carers should be informed of what is taught when, and know how to request their child be withdrawn from some or all of the statutory RSE lessons.

To book your place, or if you have any questions, please email spcfoffice@sunderlandpcf.co.uk