

29th June 2020

Re: Mixed Gender Teaching

Dear Parent,

As I'm sure you are aware, there is a long-established practice of single gender teaching in Southend, largely because of the existence of six (four grammar and two faith) single sex secondary schools.

Although a mixed gender school, the Academy has, for many years, operated single gender teaching across a range of subjects, alongside mixed gender teaching; however, this is no longer permissible under the DfE guidance [Gender Separation in Mixed Schools](#)

Whilst an exemption exists for single sex secondary schools, in the Academy's case, as a mixed gender school, this exemption does not apply. Therefore, from September 2020, all classes will be mixed gender, except for certain subjects e.g. P.E where single gender teaching is permissible under paragraph 10 of the DfE guidance.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. N. Houchen
Principal