

25.11.11

Dear Parent/Guardian of Year 10,11 pupils and Year 12,13 students,

As part of the PSHE Sex and Relationships programme that Sibford delivers to its pupils and students we would like to introduce the opportunity for our young people to learn from experience what it means to become a parent. We have been approached by a company called the 'Life Choice Baby Hire Company' that provides this service to schools across the country. You can watch a short clip about the service that they provide here

<http://www.thebvc.co.uk/ebc/lifechoice/>

The cost per virtual baby is £45 for the whole weekend, Friday night through to Sunday night, this includes carriage, charging the babies, programming the babies, accessories (clothes, nappies, bottles, wrist bands and changing bag). The baby will be delivered to the school to give out on Friday afternoon and then will be collected and returned on the following Monday. The company then downloads the information and sends the reports back to the school for teachers to follow up with the young people that have cared for them.

If you would like your son/daughter/ward to receive delivery of a virtual baby and take part in this unique experience please complete the consent form attached and return this to Wendy Finch at Sibford School by the end of the Autumn Term, December 16th 2011. We will then place an order with the company; the company does have a waiting list, but I have requested delivery of the babies on Friday 2nd March 2012, which should be far enough ahead to be possible. We will, however, confirm this date with you in January as the order will have been placed and completed by then. Once you have signed the consent form this will generate the payment being taken from your school bill, which is non-refundable.

Please do consider this programme carefully with your son/daughter/ward and read all the care requirements through fully, together. If you have any questions please contact us on the details below and we would be happy to discuss matters further with you.

In Friendship,

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PARENT CONSENT FORM

As a parent or guardian of a student who is participating in the Life Choice Baby Hire Programme, I understand the following:

- The programme will require my daughter or son to be the sole caretaker of a virtual Baby, whose sounds replicate those of a baby. The experience is intended to demonstrate to my son or daughter the full time commitment required for parenting a baby.
- The RealCare Baby will require care throughout the day and night. When the Baby cries, it will be the responsibility of my daughter or son to attend to the Baby's needs.
- The Baby's crying and need for care may cause my daughter or son to lose sleep and possibly disturb other family members and lack of sleep may cause drowsiness.
- I agree to reimburse the cost of any loss or damage to the virtual Baby, and any equipment that is issued with it

- Each Baby comes with: Replacement Cost:

A Baby Outfit consisting of top and trousers	£15.00
2 Nappies	£15.00
1 Bottle	£15.00
2 Student ID's	£10.00 each

Replacement parts at cost plus £20.00 labour
The replacement cost of virtual Baby is £445.00

- I give permission for any photographs with my daughter/son to be used for publicity purposes by the Life Choice Baby Hire Company

Having read all of the above, I agree to allow my son/daughter/ward (insert name) to participate in the Baby Hire programme being run at Sibford School. I agree to the cost of £45 to be taken from my school bill, which is non-refundable.

Signed:

Name and relationship to pupil/student:

Date: