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Relationships, Health and Sex Education (RHSE)

Dear Parent/ Carer,

In the academic year 2020/21, Relationships Education and Health Education will become statutory in all primary schools in England. This new subject will build on the non-statutory lessons we have previously taught in RSE.

As a Catholic school, our mission is to support the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of all of our pupils, rooted in the wisdom and teaching of the Church. The education of children in human sexuality is an important, precious and privileged responsibility. The Church teaches us that this is very much a partnership with parents, in which parents are the 'first educators' of their children on these matters; ultimately, you confer on us the right to co-educate your children with you.

We have been researching various programmes that are available and have decided to adopt **Life to the Full** by Ten Ten Resources. Ten Ten is an award-winning Catholic educational organisation that is well-respected and very experienced in this field of work.

Life to the Full has been approved by Shrewsbury Diocese. Furthermore, Ten Ten have entered into a partnership with the Catholic Education Service and the Department for Education to provide training for teachers in Catholic schools on the subject of the new statutory curriculum. Therefore, we are confident that this programme is a very good fit for our school.

Through their programme, Ten Ten understand the foundational role that parents have in educating and nurturing their children on these matters. Within the programme, they have built in resources which will not only keep you informed about what is being taught in school, but will also give you the opportunity to engage your children in discussion, activity and prayer.

The option to teach some elements of the programme is left to the discretion of schools in consultation with parents. These areas are called 'Key Decisions' and cover the discussion of genitalia (KS1), puberty (LKS2) and sexual intimacy (UKS2). We would like to have your feedback on our approach, and particularly on the key decisions that we need to take

regarding the teaching of certain topics. To this end, we have opened a consultation period during which we welcome your feedback.

Ten Ten have provided an online **Parent Consultation Tool**. This is a simple-to-follow, short online course which:

- Outlines the statutory changes that will take place.
- Articulates a vision for Catholic Relationships and Health Education.
- Explains how Life to the Full aims to help us fulfil the statutory curriculum with a Catholic ethos.
- Provides some information about key decisions we need to make, in consultation with parents.
- Answers some Frequently Asked Questions.

Ten Ten have also provided an **Online Parent Portal** which will be a tool we can use throughout the year to keep you informed and updated about the work we are doing in school.

To take part in the consultation, please do the following:

- Access the Parent Consultation Tool here:
www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-consultation-primary
- You will need the following login credentials for our school:
Username: st-anne-cw5
Password: gabriel-57
- Undertake the Parent Consultation course provided.
- Complete the following questionnaire by Monday 23rd November.
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=4NsbwO8r9UiPqNCwxXR5s07stBvn3DIikL3w2EJ7KzVUMzFQQzA1WjBEVUIEM1RMQ1JDNEdMSFVGNi4u>

I will also hold a zoom meeting tomorrow evening, Tuesday 10th December, at 6.00pm where I will discuss the new Ten Ten resources, go through the decisions we need to make as a school with regards the content of the programme. It would be useful if you would look at the consultation tool before attending the meeting and familiarise yourself with the programme. As this is a zoom meeting, it is difficult to have a normal discussion/conversation with lots of people in attendance. I would ask that you use the chat feature if you have any questions or queries and I will try to respond during the meeting.

Please find the link to the meeting below.

Topic: RSE consultation

Time: Nov 10, 2020 06:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91758249597?pwd=YTIES2FRU1VwYzcwN0UyMW5qUHpJQT09>

Meeting ID: 917 5824 9597

Passcode: W5sZ2r

We hope that our approach not only assures you about the new subject we are going to undertake; we hope that this will be an important and exciting opportunity for our entire school community.

Yours Faithfully

N. Ferguson

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "N. Ferguson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "N" and a stylized "F".

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