



St. Mary's R.C. Primary School

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Relationships and Health Education

Dear Parents/Carers,

We previously consulted you back in the summer of 2019 about introducing a revised SRE policy, Mrs Davison was the lead teacher at the time. Since then statutory requirements have changed and we have also found a much better scheme to use for our school. We have been delayed in our plans by the pandemic but are now ready for our school to participate in a Relationship Education programme for Catholic primary schools, titled **Life to the Full**.

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 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 researched various programmes that were available and 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 our 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.

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.

To clarify, we do not teach sex education in the school therefore there is no need to request for your child to be withdrawn from those lessons. In accordance with the DfE statutory guidance, and the national curriculum, the school must provide relationships education and health education.

There is an optional unit of how babies are made, aimed at upper KS2 level. We, as a school, have decided that you as parents/carers are the best to decide when your child is ready to learn about this. To support you, there is a 10 minute video titled "Making Babies – Part 2." You can access this online using the parent portal.

Life to the Full is intended to be a partnership between home, school and church. We know that you already do a fantastic job and we see our new programme, *Life to the Full*, as a means to further develop, support and enrich the partnership between home, school and church so that your child is fully supported.

Online Parent Portal

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:

Watch the programme overview at www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-consultation-primary

You will need the following login credentials for our school:

Username: **st-mary-m2**

Password: **kitchen-m26**

Please undertake the Parent Consultation course provided.

Send us your feedback by Wednesday 29th June by email to the school office.

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 in creating confident young people ready to move on to the next stages of their life journey.

Once we have considered any feedback, we will update the Relationships and health Education Policy and share this with you all on the school website. We will contact you again very soon to update you on this.

If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact me or one of the team via the school office.

King Regards,

Mr J Travis Headteacher