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RSE Parental Consultation

Dear Parents,

We are currently reviewing our programme and policy for RSHE (Relationship, Sex and Health Education) as the Government have made this subject statutory. We are writing to all of our parents to share our new policy and programme of study.

All schools have a responsibility to promote pupil wellbeing and prepare our children for the challenges, opportunities and responsibilities of adult life.

"This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you" John 15:12

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 our 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 give us the right to co-educate your children with you.

At St Margaret Clitherow we have worked hard to ensure that the RSHE curriculum is sensitive to the range of different family circumstances, values and beliefs which are found within our school.

We will be following **'Life to the Full programme'** 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.

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.

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.

Our RSHE programme of study will be delivered through a series of sessions across the whole of our school.

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As you would expect, not all aspects of personal development are covered by the end of Year 6. The content is age and stage appropriate and is taught with sensitivity, taking into account the children's level of maturity in regard to the delivery of the sessions. It prepares the children to continue their RSHE learning when they move onto secondary school.

As with all aspects of learning, children are naturally curious and many will have specific questions related to their sessions. Opportunities to discuss questions form part of the sessions and these are treated with care and understanding.

The RSHE programme will be delivered by your child's class teacher.

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.

For us to ensure that you are happy with our curriculum and how it will be taught, we ask for your feedback on our policy and programme. We have opened a consultation period, which is time for you to look at our provision and give your feedback.

We do hope that all children will participate in the RSHE programme, however, parents do have the right to withdraw their child from all or part of the Sex Education sessions that do not form part of the statutory National Curriculum. *Please be advised that all aspects of Relationship Education and Health Education are compulsory and cannot be withdrawn from.

At the end of the consultation period, as parents you will receive more information, including our final decisions regarding how and when the programme will be taught. It will be at this point you will be able to request to withdraw if you still feel necessary.

Thank you for your continued support.

Every good wish

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