

Relationships Education and Health Education Parent / Carer Consultation

In the academic year 2020 / 21, Relationships Education and Health Education (RSE) 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 adopted **Life to the Full** by Ten Ten Resources, along with other Catholic schools in the Plymouth Diocese. Ten Ten is an award-winning Catholic educational organisation that is well-respected and very experienced in this field of work. 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 / carers 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.
- Answers some Frequently Asked Questions.

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-mary-tq11**
Password: **blue-angel**
- Undertake the Parent Consultation course provided.
- Complete the attached questionnaire and return this to school by **Friday 23rd October**. This is also available as a Word document on the home page of the school website under the latest news section, and completed questionnaires can be emailed back to school (admin@st-marysrc.devon.sch.uk) if you prefer.

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Name of Parent(s) / Carer(s)	
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Select an answer for each of the following questions. If you have any further comments to add, use the comment box beneath each question.

After reading the information in the Parent Consultation Tool about the content of 'Life to the Full':

I understand what my child will be taught and when.

Strongly agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly disagree
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I am comfortable with the Catholic ethos of the programme.

Strongly agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly disagree
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I trust my school's judgment in delivering this programme.

Strongly agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly disagree
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I feel that my child will need additional support in understanding some of this content.

Strongly agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly disagree
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I would value further support from school about how to talk to my child about sensitive issues.

Strongly agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly disagree
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I would like further details regarding the optional content around these 'Key Decisions'.

Strongly agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly disagree
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In the box overleaf, please write any further comments or queries that you have.

COMMENT BOX