

10<sup>th</sup> October 2022

### **Relationship and Sex Education (RSE)**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As of the academic year 2020/21, Relationship Health and Sex Education become statutory in all primary schools in England. This built on the non-statutory lessons we have previously taught in Relationship, Health and Sex Education.

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 last academic year decided to choose the 'Journey In Love' resources. We have since been doing further research, working with other Catholic primary schools in our Deanery, and have decided to use '**Ten:Ten Life to the Full**' from this academic year onwards. 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, the Diocese of Westminster. 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 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 Relationship, Health and Sex 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](http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-consultation-primary)
- You will need the following login credentials for our school:  
Your Parent Login username: **ol-joseph-e14**  
Your Parent Login Password: **springtime**
- Undertake the Parent Consultation course provided.
- Complete the following parent consultation questionnaire on Google forms:  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/19mAE3XG84UtgI8eDWD7JmUGhkedyesNt0o6Yi2Wq7Bk/edit?ts=6344091a>
- Send us your feedback no later than **29<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

We hope that our approach assures you about our new approach to RSE. We feel that this will be an important and exciting opportunity for our entire school community.

If there is content which you do not understand or are not fully sure of, please contact a member of the school leadership team for support.

Yours sincerely

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