

In the academic year 2020/21, Relationships, Sex and Health Education will become statutory in all secondary 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 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.

The lessons are delivered via pre-recorded videos, that contain opportunities to think, discuss, and reflect. This will play a large basis of how the lessons are carried out remotely.

The unit of work will cover the following areas, which are some of the areas our pupils have also studied during their PSHCE sessions. We have provided the links to the lessons below, which your child's RE teachers will be setting remotely for pupils to also complete via SMHW for any isolating pupils. They will need a password to access this.

Session 1: Created and Chosen

Vision: Becoming aware of our uniqueness can help us open up to God who is the ground of our being and the One who loves us..

Session 2: Appreciating Difference

Vision: Understanding our identity means appreciating male/female differences and learning to accept the invitation from God to root our identity in who he created us to be.

Session 3: Feelings

Vision: Managing sexual feelings requires self-control, self-respect and patience.

Session 4: Before I was Born

Vision: Contemplating life in the womb reveals that it is both beautiful and fragile.

Session 5: Tough Relationships

Vision: In the real world of relationships, we can always be better at living with tolerance, kindness and forgiveness.

Session 6: Thinking before you share

Vision: Image sharing and anything in word, speech or action that reduces people to objects dishonours their God-given dignity.

Session 7: Wider World

Vision: Recognising the sin of unjust discrimination in our world helps us to challenge and change our own behaviour in school and in our everyday life.

Lastly, pupils will then take part in the 'Cinema-in Education' programme as a special session that will have pupils off timetable consolidating the themes they have studied throughout the course. This will take place on Wednesday 7th July 2021.

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.

Should you have any worries or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch with any member of the RE department.

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