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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Relationships and Sex Education**

At St. Michael's, we pride ourselves on offering a strong curriculum to support student development and wellbeing. We are aware of the need to inform and support our children and young people on many relevant social issues and concerns, and we do this through our comprehensive PSHE program.

As part of this program, I am writing to let you know that next term commencing Thursday 7th January 2027, your child will be taking part in lessons which will focus on the relationships and sex education (RSE) aspect of the PSHE programme.

RSE is a statutory component of education in all secondary schools in England, and as a Catholic school, we follow the RSE resources created by 'Ten Ten'; a Catholic education organisation that has been approved by our diocese. 'Ten Ten' have also entered a partnership with the Catholic Education Service and the Department for Education to provide training for teachers in Catholic schools on the statutory curriculum.

The programme understands the foundational role that parents have in educating and nurturing their children on relationships and sex education. Within the programme, there are resources which will inform you about what is being taught in school and will also give you the opportunity to engage your children in discussion, activity and prayer.

To access this, you will need the following information to access Ten Ten's 'parent portal':
https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/
Username: st-michael-ts23
Password: soft-ball-5

As a parent or carer, you have the right to withdraw your child from RSE. If you wish to do so, please email ccarey@stmichaels.bhcet.org.uk to find out more or discuss any concerns.

Please note there is a legal requirement that children study sex education as part of the curriculum for science, the withdrawal would only be from sex education lessons as part of the RSE Curriculum.

Thanks for your continued support

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs C Carey**
**Deputy Headteacher**