



# St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School

*Prepare the way of the Lord*

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Dear Parent/Carer

I wish to inform you about the RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) curriculum that year 9 students will be studying after February half term. Along with Health Education it is a statutory subject and is now part of the National Curriculum and as such must be taught.

The purpose of the upcoming curriculum is to provide knowledge and understanding of safe and healthy relationships that are based on respect for the person. Lessons will build on the primary curriculum and will better equip your child with the information they need to make safe, informed, and healthy decisions as they progress through adult life. This includes looking at the following content: families, respectful relationships including friendships, online and media, being safe, intimate and sexual relationships including sexual health.

Obviously, we endeavour to undertake the teaching of this topic in a sensitive manner. We will be using many resources provided by "Ten Ten" a Catholic education organisation. They are fully endorsed by Liverpool Archdiocese and the resources integrate Catholic teaching about family life with the reality of growing up in modern Britain. We also have guest speakers from "Spectrum" a Wigan based RSE teams who work in many schools across the borough.

You do have a right to withdraw your child from sex education as part of RSE but not any part of the curriculum that deals with the relationship element. We do believe that participation in all elements of RSE is in the best interest of all our pupils and I am sure we can count on your continued support.

Should you wish to discuss any issues regarding RSE please contact either Mrs Connelly or Mrs Hooton at school.

Yours faithfully

*K Connelly*

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