



St Joseph's Catholic Academy
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Relationships and Health Education Consultation

This academic year 2020/21, Relationships Education and Health Education became statutory in all primary schools in England. This new subject will build on the non-statutory lessons we have previously taught.

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 relationships 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.

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. The attached questionnaire will give us the opportunity to have in writing your opinions on the content of the course. The Relationships Education aspect of the curriculum is statutory and therefore we have no option but to consult with you as parents. However, aspects covered in the 'Key Decisions' are not compulsory and can be taught at the discretion of the school, which is why your opinions are crucial as it will help us to design the content that we will teach your children.



Please be aware that the full programme does cover some sensitive issues and as a result, some of the questions on the questionnaire reflect the full programme content; notably the teaching of Sex Education. The aspects in the 'Key Decisions' section of the questionnaire are not statutory and thus as a school, in consultation with you as parents, we can decide which aspects, if any, of these we teach.

Ten:Ten have provided an online **Parent Consultation Tool**. This is simple-to-follow with parent consultation information 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.

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. It provides parents with:

- Information about the programme children will be following;
- Access to teaching and learning resources;
- Suggestions for further activity at home.

You will need the following login credentials for our school:

Username: st-joseph-st6

Password: carpenter24-st6

To take part in the consultation, please do the following:

- Access the Parent Consultation Tool here: <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/courses/parent-consultation-tool-primary/>
- View the Parent Consultation information provided online.
- Complete the questionnaire attached with this letter.
- Send us your feedback by Friday 9th October 2020.

If you require any further information or if you do not have access to a computer or a device to view the material online, please contact the office.

Yours sincerely

Mrs R Wilson
Acting Head of School.



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