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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Department for Education has announced changes to Relationships and Sex Education (RSE). In the academic year 2020/2021, Relationships Education and Health Education will become a statutory part of our school's curriculum.

In light of upcoming statutory requirements, we are now consulting with parents, carers, governors and staff regarding our new RSE Curriculum.

As a Catholic school, our mission is to support the Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development of our pupils, ensuring it is 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 and carers, in which you are the 'first educators' of their children on these matter.

We have worked carefully to ensure that this takes into account:

- the values and aims of our school;
- the age of our children;
- learning needs.

In order to update our policy and proposed new curriculum, we have taken advice and guidance from Westminster Diocese. We have decided to adopt 'Life to the Full' by Ten Ten. This programme of study is based on 'A Model Catholic RSE Curriculum' by the Catholic Education Service. Ten Ten is an award-winning Catholic Education Organisation. We frequently use Ten Ten resources for our Collective Worship.

Due to current Government restrictions, we have decided to make this consultation available to all, via the school website, with responses via email.

Please click on the consultation link below:

<https://sacredheart682.herts.sch.uk/curriculum/pshe-citizenship/>

Here you will find a copy of our new draft policy, proposed curriculum document and an outline of the Ten Ten Programme.

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.

If you have any comments on the proposed curriculum, and the wider policy you can email these to: consultationrse@sacredheart682.herts.sch.uk

The deadline for responding to the consultation is Monday 12th April.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs L Payne

Mrs Anna Smith (RSE co-ordinator)