



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
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RSHE Curriculum update

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of the changes to our Relationships, Sex and Health Education curriculum here at St Joseph's. I have previously informed you that as a school, along with the other schools in our partnership, we have adopted the programme, **Life to the Full**. This programme has been carefully developed by a Catholic educational organisation, Ten Ten Resources.

To reinforce the intentions of this programme, **Life to the Full** is based on the structure of 'A Model Catholic RSE Curriculum' by the Catholic Education Service. This model curriculum was highlighted as a work of good practice by the Department of Education so we therefore have confidence that the programme is fit for purpose in supporting the growth and development of your child.

Furthermore, **Life to the Full** is much more than a series of lessons. It is an entire platform of creative resources that will engage, inform and inspire our children and, indeed, you as parents. This includes interactive video content, story-based activities, employing a wide range of teaching tools, original worship music and an accompanying programme of classroom prayers. The Ten:Ten September Newsletter was advertised in our the school newsletter and can also be found on the school website, giving you the opportunity to keep up to date with what your child is learning.

In addition there is an online parent platform so that you, as parent and carers, can engage with the teaching and deepen the experience for your child. To access the online parent platform please visit:
www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal

Please see below the changes that have been made to the curriculum from January 2023:

- Within Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) and Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4), there are additional sessions within Module 1, Unit 4: Life Cycles called 'A Time for Everything'. This unit focuses on the subject of Bereavement.
- There is also one new session for Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 and 6), on the subject of Female Genital Mutilation. This has been the result of a consultation with a couple of dioceses and will be labelled as an optional session, also known as a 'Key Decision'. This means that as a school, we are able to choose whether or not we teach this to our children. It is highly likely, after further discussions with our governors, that we will not teach this. However, should this change, we will consult with all parents in the first instance.

Further support for these sessions will be available via the parent portal, should you wish to use our resources as a basis for discussing this with your child.

- Finally, following the publication of the DFE guidance on teaching internet safety, Ten Ten will also be updating some of the sessions for Module 2, Unit 3: Keeping Safe to bring it in line with the guidance provided in Education for a Connected World. These sessions will be taught in the Spring Term, in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6.

To conclude, **Life to the Full** is intended to be a partnership between home, school and church. We know that you already do a fantastic job and we see our RSHE programme, **Life to the Full**, as a means to further develop, support and enrich the partnership between home, school and church so that your child is fully supported.

If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely

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