

Sex and Health Education Parent Consultation– feedback

Dear Parents/Carers, Relationships,

The advertised Relationships and Sex Health Education (RSHE) consultation closed on the 10 March 2021.

The purpose of the consultation was to gather feedback on our reviewed RSHE curriculum and also share with parents and carers what the curriculum will look like entering the summer term of 2021 and the academic year 2021-2022.

We have now reviewed these responses, and made some slight adjustments to our draft policy and curriculum to reflect your feedback. I would like to thank all parents and carers who took the time to submit responses and completed the questionnaire.

The responses gathered from parents were highly positive about the proposed changes to our curriculum and the overwhelming consensus was that these changes reflected modern family living, and current & respectful thinking.

They also provided us with valuable information in order to assist the implementation of the new national guidelines that come into effect at the start of this summer term.

The outcome of the consultation has informed us to take the following additional measures:

- Additional details of curriculum content will be made available and presented to parents/carers who request it, including lists of some of the resources we will use.
- Year group specific communication will be sent prior to delivery of curriculum content. This will include a list of vocabulary that will be taught and questions that may be raised. We hope that this will enable parents to support learning and conversations that might occur at home, following any teaching.
- The subject of mental health will be included in more Year groups from a Year 1 to Year 6 in an age appropriate way.
- School will produce additional guidance for parents on how to speak to their child about relationships and sex issues (requests particularly relate to age appropriate conversations)
- Details of the cross curricular aspect of RSE has been made clear i.e. Science Curriculum on our Curriculum Map for RSHE.
- We will ask the diocese to recommend reading/ books (aimed at children), that teach about relationships and sexuality from the Christian/ Church perspective, should parents want to use these alongside more general secular texts we might use as part of our teaching. The Diocese will support us (and other Church Schools) with this.

Finally, please note an overview of our curriculum documents will be available on our school website so that parents and carers are able to view them as appropriate.

Yours sincerely,

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