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Relationships, Sex and Health Education

Dear Parents and Carers,

In line with the Department for Education Guidelines 2020 we are required to consult with you when developing and renewing our policy for the new statutory Relationship, Sex and Health Education (RSHE).

Please note the new RSHE curriculum is supplementary to, not instead of, how we currently teach Relationship and Sex Education in our school as agreed by the Bishops of England and Wales in 2017. We will continue to use the recommended resource 'Journey In Love' (which has been recently been updated to reflect the changes in the new DfE statutory guidance) to support this aspect of the curriculum.

As a Catholic school, we must endeavour to follow the guidance from the Catholic Education Service on behalf of the Bishops' of England and Wales and we are required to ensure that our teaching reflects our Catholic identity and mission and to be both age and stage appropriate for our pupils. Some schools will have started to teach these new subjects from September 2020 when the Government brought in the new curriculum however, all schools have until the Summer Term 2020 to begin teaching the new curriculum. Please see the attached parent's information sheet from the DfE which outlines the proposed changes to the curriculum.

Once approved and ratified by the governing body the policy will be published on our school website and be available to you. If you would like a copy of the RSHE Policy, please contact the school office. You can also find more information about the consultation on our website www.olpsprimary.co.uk and click the tab 'RSHE ParentalConsultation'.

Your comments are important to us, to help us to decide how and when to cover the content of the statutory guidance. Therefore, as part of this consultation please click the link below for you to complete a parent questionnaire in order for you to make your contribution to the RHSE policy. All replies will be collated on Monday 7th June.

<https://forms.gle/TzG71CpMjw5rajZq6>

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs P McGuffie

'We learn to love everyone as Jesus loves us'

