



St. Anthony's Girls' Catholic Academy

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Dear Parents,

In the academic year 2020/21, Relationships, Sex and Health Education became statutory in all secondary schools in England. This new subject builds on the non-statutory lessons we have previously taught in RSE.

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 sexuality 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.

In the past academic year, we have been trialling resources from an external agency called Ten Ten, their programme theme is **Life to the Full**. 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. To this end, we have opened a consultation period during which we welcome your feedback.

Ten Ten have provided an online **Parent Consultation Tool**. This is a simple-to-follow, short online course 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.



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- 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.

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

- Access the Parent Consultation Tool here:
www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-consultation-secondary
- You will need the following login credentials for our school:
Username: **st-anthonys-sr2**
Password: **song-13-sr2**
- Undertake the Parent Consultation course provided.
- Complete the following [questionnaire](#):
- Send us your feedback by 27 May 2022

If you have any additional comments or questions that are not addressed by the consultation tool or the survey please email Mrs Hoey (RSE/PSHE Coordinator) helen.hoey@st-anthonys-academy.com

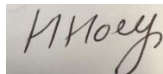
As a parent, you do have the right to withdraw your child from RSE, if you wish to do so please inform Mrs Hoey or Mrs Lanaghan. However, please note there is a legal requirement that children study sex education as part of the National Curriculum for Science, the withdrawal is only from Statutory Sex Education as part of the Relationships and Sex Education Curriculum. It is also, only a withdrawal from topics related to sex, not those related to relationships. If you want to remove pupils from certain lessons, the specific lessons can be discussed with Mrs Lanaghan and Mrs Hoey.

In addition, a student can opt to take these sessions after their 15th birthday (specifically three academic terms before they turn 16.)

A withdrawal form is available to download from the RSE page on the academy website, alternatively, a copy can be sent out upon request.

We hope that our approach not only assures you about the new subject we have been undertaking; we hope that this will be an important and exciting opportunity for our entire school community.

Yours Sincerely,



Mrs H Hoey
RSE/PSHE Coordinator