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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last year, the Department for Education (DfE) announced changes to relationships and sex education (RSE).

The Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education (England) Regulations 2019, made under sections 34 and 35 of the Children and Social Work Act 2017, make Relationships Education compulsory for all pupils receiving primary education and Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) compulsory for all pupils receiving secondary education. They also make Health Education compulsory in all schools except independent schools.

This means that all children will be required to receive Relationships Education in Primary School. For all schools, Sex Education as part of the science curriculum remains the same. Sex Education as part of RSE for primary is not compulsory; however, schools may choose to deliver this as part of a timetabled PSHE programme.

These changes have come into effect from this academic year 2020-2021 and all schools will be required to comply with the updated requirements.

In light of these changes to requirements for relationships and sex education (RSE), we are now consulting with parents, governors and staff on how we have updated our RSE curriculum policy and how we intend to meets the new requirements as well as the needs of our pupils.

We have worked carefully to make sure that this reflects:

- Our pupils' age and maturity levels
- The values of our school.
- Every pupil's learning needs.
- What pupils need to know to be healthy and safe in school, in their personal relationships and in the wider world.

As a school we have now updated our RSE policy and have a proposed new curriculum, using guidance and documents from the Diocese of Westminster. We have been researching various programmes that are available and have decided to adopt Life to the Full by Ten Ten Resources. 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 is intended to be a partnership between home, school and church. We know that you already do a fantastic job and we see our new 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.









Due to the current government restrictions, we have decided to make this consultation available to all via the school website in the parent's tab called RSE Consultation. On this section you will find our RSE policy, a consultation form and information about the proposed curriculum. To take part in the consultation please e-mail us your viewpoints so this can be considered during the consultation period using the email address RSE@popepaul.herts.sch.uk

The deadline for responding to the consultation is Friday 26th March, 2021.

Please see attached a copy of our draft RSE policy and our proposed curriculum document.

I would encourage you to explore the Ten Ten website to introduce you to the 'Life to the Full' programme which you can find here:

https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/courses/parent-consultation-tool-primary/

Your log in details will be attached to your email.

Please complete the parent consultation survey questions and email them back to our school email address: RSE@popepaul.herts.sch.uk by Friday 26th March.

With thanks for your continued support

Liz Heymoz





