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Relationships Sexual Education Policy 2021 – St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Catholic schools, like all other schools in England, are required to produce a written RSE policy following the guidance issued by the Department for Education on Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education. The DfE guidance can be found [here](#). Catholic schools are also required to deliver RSE in accordance with the teaching of the Church. This approach is compatible with the guidance issued by the DfE.

Why is RSE in Catholic Schools important?

RSE is part of the mission of Catholic schools to educate the whole person. It should be carried out as part of the holistic education which seeks to form as well as inform young people in preparation for adult life.

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.

As part of the process, we have updated our RSE Policy for 2021-2022. We will be using 'Life to the Full' by Ten Ten Resources as recommended by the Diocese of Leeds, the Catholic Education Service and Department of Education.

Part of the process in establishing a new RSE Policy for school is to have a period of consultation with parents/carers, the Academy Council and staff.

Please find attached to this email the St Joseph's RSE Policy for 2021-2022 for consultation. The consultation period is from Friday 18th June until Friday 2nd July. If you have any queries, questions regarding the policy, please do not hesitate to email office@stjosephsotley.org and we will respond to your enquiries as soon as we can.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation.

Yours Sincerely,
Miss Choma
Acting Headteacher

