



St Francis
Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

At St Francis we have recently reviewed our programme and policy for RSE (Relationship and Sex Education). We are writing to all our parents to share our new policy and curriculum framework and gain feedback on these.

“This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you” **John 15:12**

All schools have a responsibility to promote pupil wellbeing and prepare children and young people for the challenges, opportunities and responsibilities of adult life.

At St. Francis, we have tried to ensure that the RSE curriculum is sensitive to the range of different family circumstances, values and beliefs which are found within our school. Through extensive discussion and training we have tried to provide an RSE programme which is relevant and accessible to all of our children. We hope the programme supports pupils in learning about different backgrounds, faiths, cultures and about the opposite sex; one that is underpinned by the promotion of respect for all members of our diverse society. The new RSE programme of study will be delivered in a series of sessions across the whole of our school during the summer term.

‘A Journey in Love’ is a resource that is the recommended programme of study by the diocese of Nottingham for Catholic Primary schools for Relationship and Sex Education. It has been written as a progressive scheme of work for all individual year groups that supports Religious Education, PSHE and the Science curriculum already taught within a primary school. The programme has, as its foundation, the belief that we are made in the image and likeness of God and as a consequence, gender and sexuality are God’s gift and reflect God’s beauty. Each stage of growth is delivered through a series of suggested, progressive and developmental tasks and activities. Reflections will focus on physical, social, emotional, intellectual and spiritual development. As children progress through school, they will discover more and more about themselves and the wider world.

Central to our work in school is learning about our faith, including understanding ourselves, our position in our community and how we develop as human beings. This is how ‘A Journey in Love’ fits in to our school curriculum. The scheme permeates through all levels of learning at St. Francis. It focuses on friendship, family, community, relationships and spirituality; a guide to the children’s development as young Catholics. As you would expect, not all issues related to personal development are covered by the end of Year 6. The content is age and stage appropriate and is taught with sensitivity, taking into account the children’s level of maturity in regard to the delivery of the sessions.

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As with all aspects of learning, children are naturally curious and many will have specific questions related to their sessions. Opportunities to discuss questions form part of the sessions and, again, these are treated with care and understanding. Elements of the RSE curriculum are also taught through our RE work, our science curriculum and through the PSHE scheme we follow. How these all link together is shown in the RSE curriculum framework.

The RSE programme will be delivered by your child's class teacher. We hope that all children will participate in the RSE programme, however, parents do have the right to withdraw their child from sex education sessions that do not form part of the statutory National Curriculum. If you do wish to withdraw your child, please inform Mrs Brown. We would be happy to discuss any concerns you might have.

Thank you for your support and cooperation with this.

Hannah Griffiths
SENCO and Assistant Head Teacher

If you wish to provide feedback on the RSE policy and RSE curriculum framework please do so in the box below.

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