



RSHE- Decision Making Principles

Programme: 'Life to the Full Plus' from TenTen

Ten Ten's 10 Principles for teaching Catholic RSE

1. Our bodies are good
2. As we grow in our loving relationships with others, we become closer to the image and likeness of God
3. Catholic RSHE should be about the whole person
4. Catholic RSHE should be taught in partnership with parents
5. Our deepest identity is as a child of God
6. Story can change hearts and minds
7. Catholic RSHE is an education in virtue
8. Catholic RSHE is an education in conscience
9. RSHE is about striving for the Common Good
10. Prayer, Scripture and the Sacraments underpin and make possible the living out of Catholic teaching.

St Francis Catholic Primary School's Principles for teaching Catholic RSE

1. RSHE should be taught in partnership with parents. Both the DfE and the Catholic Church state that the parent / carer is the primary educator of children and schools should respect that the primacy involves decision –making particularly in matters pertaining to sex.
2. The parents and carers of St Francis' children have chosen St Francis' to provide a distinctively Catholic education for their children.
3. Thematic and linguistic exposure to RHSE topics should be co-ordinated with the development of the child's moral understanding in RE and their academic understanding in Science.
4. Technological advancements including widespread access to the internet means that children have increased access to inappropriate material.
5. The safety of our children relies upon their sufficient understanding of privacy, moral and scientific issues so that they can identify potential risk and communicate this clearly to parents, carers and trusted adults including St Francis' staff.
6. Formal consultation with the St Francis' community, (e.g. the questionnaire sent to parents, teachers and governors), and informal feedback directly to the SLT and governors should be carefully evaluated. The consultation with the parents resulted in a response rate of 9%. The low level of response to the questionnaire, although considered in this decision-making, is also a consideration