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Dear Parents and Carers,

Relationships and Health Education Policy

I wrote to you last term to inform you that this academic year 2020/21, Relationships Education and Health Education became statutory in all primary schools in England. This new subject will build on the non-statutory lessons we have previously taught.

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 you know from my previous letter, we 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 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.

Thank you to all parents who took part in the RSE policy and teaching resources consultation during the autumn term. All parents' views across the Newman Catholic Collegiate have been taken into account during the writing of the RSE policy and in making the four key decisions that we asked for your views on.

The Directors have spent a long time liaising with local Parish Priests within our Collegiate to ensure that the Catholic faith is at the heart of our policy. We have ensured that all teaching of relationships and health education is fundamentally in line with the teachings of the Catholic Church.

The new RSE policy can be found on the school's website. In the policy you will find the section about the four key decisions and what has been decided for each one and why.

[RSE Policy March 2021](#)

Relationships and Health Education (including the biological aspect of Science) is statutory in a primary school and must be taught. However parents do have a right to withdraw their child from the specific sex education lessons. These can be seen on the online parent portal (see the log in below). If you want to withdraw your child from any sex education lesson please see the request for withdrawal from at the end of the policy.

Teaching of RSE using the Ten:Ten scheme will begin in school after Easter. There is still the Ten:Ten **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. It provides parents with:

- Information about the programme children will be following;
- Access to resources;
- Suggestions for further activity at home.

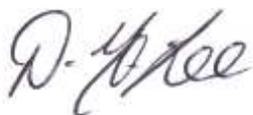
You will need the following login credentials for our school:

Username: st-wilfrid-st6

Password: planter24-st6

I have attached the information booklet for parents from Ten:Ten with this letter. If you have questions or would like any further information about any of the programme please contact the schools relationship and health education leaders (Miss Lee or Mrs Lawton) via email or the school office.

Yours sincerely



Miss D T Lee
Principal

