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9th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

In September 2021, the government's new statutory requirements to teach Relationships Education, 'Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education' (RSE) came into effect. As a school, we pride ourselves on our relationships education while keeping Fundamental British Values and our Catholic ethos at the core.

We are pleased to let you know that St Mary's are continuing to deliver the RSE programme that Salford Diocese and most Catholic schools in Bolton have recommended. 'Life to the Full' is produced by the Catholic educational organisation, Ten Ten Resources. The 'Life to the Full' programme is based on the structure of 'A Model Catholic RSE Curriculum' by the Catholic Education Service. This model curriculum was highlighted as a work of good practice by the Department of Education so we therefore have confidence that the programme will be fit for purpose in supporting the growth and development of your child.

'Life to the Full' is much more than a series of lessons. It is an entire platform of creative resources that will engage, inform and inspire our children and, indeed, you as parents. This includes interactive video content, story-based activities, employing a wide range of teaching tools, original worship, music and an accompanying programme of classroom prayers. In addition there is an online parent platform so that you, as parent and carers, can engage with the teaching and deepen the experience for your child.

In line with good practice, we would like you as parents to access the parent portal and review the consultation process. We will be teaching the RSE programme in the summer term. It is important to us that you are able to look through the resources and have the opportunity to ask any questions before we start to teach. To access the online parent platform please visit: www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal

- Our School Username: st-marys-bl6
- Our School Password : blue-veil

On this online platform, you will see that there are 4 Key decisions to we have to make as a school before we begin to teach Module 1 of this programme. Below are the decisions we have made as a school staff.

1. Genitalia in KS1. We have taken the decision **not** to introduce names of genitalia in Years 1 and 2.
2. Puberty in Year 4. We have taken the decision that this unit will be taught in Y5, not Year 4
3. Sexual Intimacy. As a school we will continue to teach sexual intimacy in Year 6 as we have done in the past.
4. Seeing stuff online. We have decided not to teach this unit in school, but if you wish you can view it and discuss the issues with your child at home.

Life to the Full is intended to be 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 help develop, support and enrich the



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At St. Mary's we aim, through Education in Personal Relationships to develop in the children:

self-respect and self-esteem, a loving pride in one's own family, an understanding of true friendship, healthy friendships in school, a recognition that human love takes on many forms, an appreciation of the family structure (regardless of its structure), the value of parental partnership, to value every form of life and to value themselves within this framework.

As parents and carers we ask that you share this joint task of bringing the child through to the age of 11 with a balanced understanding of life and a healthy appreciation of the human relationships they may form in the years to come. Parents do have the right to request that their child be withdrawn from some or all of sex education delivered as part of statutory RSE. Before granting any such request, we would ask that parents discuss their concerns with Mrs Hayes so that their wishes are understood. School will document this process.

Your child will bring home a short document that will help to give you an overview of the structure and content of the programme. Please note that we will be teaching module 1 'Created and Loved by God', from Tuesday 16th June 2025.

If you have any concerns or queries, please email the school office and we will be happy to help with them.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Catherine Hesketh

PSHE/RSE Lead



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