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# St Mary's CE Primary School

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Dear parents/carers

Thank you to everyone from St Mary's CE Primary School who contributed to the Relationship and Sex Education consultation in July 2021. **In total we had 31 responses which have now been fully reviewed.**

It has been reassuring to know that the information has been well received and feedback suggest the explanations added value and clarity regarding the changes to the curriculum, our school processes, as advised by the Government.

### General Feedback

The overall responses we received to each question were very supportive, with the majority of parents stating they agree with St Mary's RSE policy and topics being taught in each year group. They felt this learning will help keep children safe in both the real and digital world.

### More Specific Feedback

Whilst the consultation was regarding Relationships and Sex Education within the PSHE curriculum, it was evident from some responses we received; not all parents and carers are familiar with the full content of our PSHE curriculum, which is much broader than simply the Relationships and Sex Education content. It also includes topics such as online safety, health and well-being and British Values.

As a result of this and at the request of some parents/carers we have taken the following actions:

- Uploaded the curriculum overviews for each year group onto the school website. These will be placed under the **'Teaching and Learning' heading and then click on 'Curriculum'** which will then navigate you to each different year group.
- We will also continue to provide parents and carers with a half termly parent planner, which will be placed on your Class Dojo account. These will also be available to view on the school website **under 'Teaching and Learning'; 'Curriculum'** and then click on the required year group. This will then provide you with the opportunity to be aware of what is being taught in relation to PSHE and RSE, as requested by some responses.





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- We have also amended some of the vocabulary for sex education in the Key Stage 1 classes as requested by some parents. The vocabulary list is available to view on the school website – **'Teaching and Learning', 'Relationships, Health and Sex Education'**.

Some families also raised specific concerns regarding gender diversity. In response to this concern and with reference to the Church of England materials; 'Valuing All God's Children', St Mary's CE primary school position is one of acceptance and inclusivity.

Whilst there will not be specific lessons looking at gender types, all people will be valued. This may be through looking at a range of families and how families can be constituted or through stories or news events.

**Please be aware from September 2020 Relationships and Health Education became compulsory in all primary schools and parents/carers do not have a right to withdraw their children from these subjects.**

**We believe that this work is an important part of safeguarding children, as knowledge empowers them, helps them to stay safe and helps them to cope with puberty by understanding why their bodies will change.**

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support and questions raised throughout the consultation.

Yours sincerely

Mr N Gurman  
Headteacher

