

### RSHE in the Catholic Primary school



# Welcome and Introductions

### Content of today's session...

- What is RSE / RSHE?
- RSE at St. Peter's



- Supporting all pupils
- Working with external agencies
- Statutory guidance
- Sex Education in primary schools
- Forming partnerships

#### What is RSE?

- Relationships & Sex Education
- Health Education has now been added so you will see the acronym RSHE also being used
- Programmes that support the teaching & learning of RSHE in the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton
  - A Journey in Love
  - See curriculum map

#### What is RSE?

- RSE is the life long learning about physical, moral & emotional development.
- It is the understanding of the importance of marriage for family life, stable & loving relationships, respect, love & care.
- It is also about the teaching of sex, sexuality & sexual health.



- RSE forms a part of the PSHE,
   RE, Computing, and Science
   Curriculum transcends.
- Our key objective is the wellbeing and safety of every pupil.
- We believe that parents/carers are the prime educators of their children.



 Our role is to support you in the education of your child and not to replace you.

"We are clear that parents and carers are the prime educators for children on many of these matters. Schools complement and reinforce this role and have told us that they see building on what pupils learn at home as an important part of delivering a good education".

DfE, 2019: Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education. Statutory guidance for governing bodies, proprietors, head teachers, principals, senior leadership teams, teachers



- RSE will naturally overlap with PSHE, RE & Science.
- In ALL schools teaching MUST reflect the law including the <u>Equality Act 2010.</u>
- Schools with a religious character are able to teach their distinctive faith perspective on relationships.
- The religious/other backgrounds of all pupils will be taken into account when planning lessons.



Right to withdraw

- Parents/carers have the right to withdraw their children from elements of Sex Education that are not in line with the National Curriculum for Science.
- They may not withdraw their children from any elements of Relationships Education and Health Education.

### Supporting <u>all</u> pupils

- We will ensure that RSE & Health Education is accessible for all pupils including those with Special Educational Needs &/or Disability - SEND.
- We will ensure that all pupils understand the importance of equality and respect and comply with the relevant provisions of the Equality Act 2010.
- We will work in partnership with the family, school and the Church.

### Working with external agencies

- We will ensure any outside visitor is familiar with our school ethos and RSHE Policy.
- We will ensure all visitor credentials are fully checked.
- We will always see materials and lesson plans in advance and ensure they are age-appropriate and accessible to all pupils.
- We will ensure that any delivery from an outside visitor will enhance our planned programme.

Statutory Requirements by the end of Primary School Relationships Education

#### **COMPULSORY**

#### All Pupils should know about:

- Families and people who care for me
- Caring friendships
- Respectful relationships
- Online relationships
- Being safe

#### **Statutory Guidance**

The new curriculum will be compulsory from September 2020. Schools should start teaching from that date if they meet the statutory requirements. If they are not ready, or are unable to meet the requirements, they should begin teaching by at least the start of the summer term 2021. (Covid-19 related postponement)

## Sex Education in Primary Schools

- The focus for all primary schools is Relationships Education.
- Puberty is now included in Heath Education.
- Sex Education beyond that stated in the National Curriculum for Science is NOT COMPULSORY.

HOWEVER – DfE guidance states ...

#### **Statutory Guidance**

"It will be for primary schools to determine whether they need to cover any additional content on sex education to meet the needs of their pupils. Many primary schools already choose to teach some aspects of sex education and will continue to do so, although it is not a requirement".

#### WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

#### Requirements:

- Schools will be required to have a policy; published on the school website. The policy must show how they intend to approach the subject, how they are teaching and the resources they are using and how they will monitor impact.
- Schools are now required to consult on their Relationships & Sex Education Policy.
- From Sept 2020 schools are also required to teach Health Education BUT they are not required to have a separate policy for this; but may do if they wish.

#### WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

#### We will support you:

- In how to talk to your children about Relationships and Sex Education.
- By signposting you to age-appropriate resources that can be used at home.
- By offering links to what is being taught in school in other areas of the curriculum.

### Forming partnerships...

We are committed to.

- Building strong partnerships with our parents/carers.
- Parents/carers understanding what is being taught, when and how.
- Helping parents/carers to support their child's learning at home.
- Developing a shared set of values between school and parents/carers.
- Dispelling myths around the teaching of RSE and Health Education - RSHE.

### Forming partnerships...

What we will ask of you.

- Consultation and feedback when revising or creating polices related to RSE.
- Consultation and feedback on the RSE curriculum:
  - When/how it is being taught.
  - What resources are used to support teaching and learning.
  - Links with outside agencies/resources.
  - How what might the consultation and partnership look like?
  - Current provide policy and curriculum map for consultation. Collect feedback on this and today's meeting, via Google form.
  - Future/on-going working groups, consultation evenings, face to face, written etc...

### Forming partnerships...

What we will do with the feedback.

- Listen
- Reassure
- Discuss

### Any questions or comments?



View and review our RSE policy – pdf provided.

Opportunity for feedback via Google form – link available.