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RSHE Parent/carer Consultation Letter – Primary Schools

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will be aware that, as a part of your child's educational experience at St Aidan's RC Primary, we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive taught programme of Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education that gives children the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, productive and fulfilled lives, both now and in the future.

From September 2020 the Department for Education is making Relationships and Health Education compulsory in all primary schools.

What does the new guidance mean?

The new guidance focuses on healthy relationships and keeping children safe in the modern world. It also covers a wide range of topics relating to physical and mental health, wellbeing, safeguarding and healthy relationships. Learning about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up, will give children and young people the information, skills and positive values to have safe, fulfilling relationships and will help them take responsibility for their own well-being.

As with all statutory subjects, there is no right to withdraw from Relationships Education or Health Education or any content from the Science curriculum. This means that pupils cannot be withdrawn from lessons on the Changing Adolescent Body. Parents have the right to request that their child be withdrawn from some or all of the Sex Education delivered in Year 6 only (conception and birth) following discussions with the Head Teacher.

How will this be delivered?

This guidance will form part of our school's PSHE education programme which is taught throughout the school in every year group and is monitored and reviewed regularly.

All teaching in PSHE will take place in a safe learning environment and be underpinned by our school's vision and values. A variety of opportunities will be provided for pupils to ask questions to further their understanding and to find out more about what affects them personally.

We have been researching various programmes that are available and 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.



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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.

We would like to have your feedback on our approach, and particularly on the key decisions that we need to take regarding the teaching of certain topics. To this end, we have opened a consultation period during which we welcome your feedback.

Ten Ten have provided an online **Parent Consultation Tool**. This is a simple-to-follow, short online course which:

- Outlines the statutory changes that will take place.
- Articulates a vision for Catholic Relationships and Health Education.
- Explains how Life to the Full aims to help us fulfil the statutory curriculum with a Catholic ethos.
- Provides some information about key decisions we need to make, in consultation with parents.
- Answers some Frequently Asked Questions.

Ten Ten have also provided an **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.

To take part in the consultation, please do the following:

- Access the Parent Consultation Tool here:
www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-consultation-primary
- You will need the following login credentials for our school:
Username: st-aidan-ne63
Password: castle-blue
- Undertake the Parent Consultation course provided.
- Complete the following questionnaire, which has been attached.
- Send us your feedback by Friday 10th July 2020 to admin@st-aidans.northumberland.sch.uk.

We hope that our approach not only assures you about the new subject we are going to undertake; we hope that this will be an important and exciting opportunity for our entire school community.

Yours sincerely,

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