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*Mission Statement “We are special people on a journey, growing and learning together in search of excellence, as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus.”*

*Values: Love – Respect - Honesty*

14<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents,

### **English Martyrs Parent Consultation Letter – RHSE**

In 2020, Relationships Education and Health Education became statutory for all primary schools in England.

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.

We researched various programmes that are available and in 2021 decided to adopt **Life to the Full** by Ten Ten Resources. Ten Ten Resources 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 and Ten Ten Resources entered into a partnership with the Catholic Education Service (CES) and the Department for Education to provide training for teachers in Catholic schools on the subject of the RHSE statutory curriculum. We have used Life to the Full successfully for two years and we are confident that this programme is a very good fit for our school.

Through their programme, Ten Ten Resources 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 take regarding the teaching of certain topics. Our last consultation was in 2020, and since then the programme has introduced some new topics that we intend to teach. To this end, we have opened a consultation period during which we welcome your feedback.

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

- Outlines the statutory changes that have taken place in England.
- 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 Resources 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. Please note we do not subscribe to Life to the Full plus – only Life to the Full.

Please also note:

The Catholic Education Service (CES) has communicated to schools that the requirements for RSE in the Diocese of Westminster are as follows:

- I. RSE is in keeping with the diocesan vision for RSE, as approved by the education commission.
- II. CES support materials are used (namely the Model Policy and policy guidance, Governor Audit & Quality standard)
- III. The CES Model Curriculum is delivered in its entirety; thereby also fulfilling the statutory requirements from the DfE.

Please note that in relation to point III the following will require consideration:

- The CES Model Curriculum takes RSE beyond statutory requirements.
- There is additional content, which places relationships education within a Catholic context.
- The CES Model Curriculum includes content at Upper Key Stage 2 – Years 6) that appears at Key Stage 3 in the statutory requirements.

Namely:

Sex Education 2.1.5.4.

Cultural practices which are against British law and universal rights e.g. 'honour, based violence, forced marriage, human trafficking 2.3.3.1.

F.G.M. (Female Genital Mutilation) 2.3.3.2.

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

- Access the Parent Consultation Tool here:  
[www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-consultation-primary](http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-consultation-primary)
- You will need the following login credentials for our school:  
  
Username: english-martyrs-e1  
Password: tower-bridge-28
- Undertake the Parent Consultation course provided.
- Complete the following questionnaire: ***Please complete the survey only after you have reviewed the TenTen online content linked above. This will ensure you understand how and what your children will be taught.***  
<https://forms.gle/2bF8gb1BvQ2QR85e8>
- The questionnaire is anonymous. However, if you prefer, you are welcome to leave a written response or query in a box at the school office doors by 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Furthermore, the RHSE Lead (Melanie Moore) and RHSE Link Governor (Amy Winkelgrund) will be available if you would like to discuss this in person.

We hope that our approach not only assures you about the new programme of resources we are going to use, but will be an important and exciting opportunity for our entire school community.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs M Moore & Mrs A Winkelgrund