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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.”

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Dear Parents,

Results of RHSE Consultation

Thank you to all parents who participated in the consultation. The majority of parents who replied to the consultation agreed with the way in which the TenTen – Life to the Full scheme of work teaches RHSE to your children. Therefore, these key decisions have been agreed and the year in which they will be taught.

- Children will learn some of the names of external genitalia - Year 2
- Children will start learning about the physical changes of puberty - Year 4
- Children will learn about sexual intimacy in a way respectful of the Catholic ethos - Year 6
- Children will learn about pornography from an internet safety perspective - Year 6
- Children will hear pornography discussed as a way in which people are being ‘used’ - Year 6
- Children will learn about FGM, although it will not be named explicitly, children are reminded that private body parts are private - Year 2
- Children will learn about different types of abuse including sexual abuse and some basic facts about FGM - Year 4
- Children will learn more about FGM - Year 6
- Children will discuss scenarios of pupils who are being discriminated against or bullied because of the protected characteristics of sex/and/or sexual orientation - Year 6

We would like to make it clear to parents that we are confident that the scheme teaches RHSE in an age appropriate way, adhering to the Catholic ethos. We believe that the controlled environment of the classroom is the safest place for this curriculum to be followed.

Please also be assured that before any of the above content is taught you will receive notification from the class teacher. However, if you are not happy with the key decisions regarding sexual intimacy or FGM, you can withdraw your child from the lesson. Please inform the RHSE Subject Lead of your intention to withdraw before giving notice in writing.

If you have any further questions, please make an appointment to see Mrs Moore (Assistant Head and RHSE Subject Lead) or Mrs Winkelgrund (Chair of Governors and RHSE Governor Lead). We would be happy to speak to you.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Nugent