



# St Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School

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*"Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another"*

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear Parents

This term, the teaching of Relationships Education and Health Education has become statutory in 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; and you trust us, the school, to co-educate your children with you.

Over the last few months we have trialled the resource **Life to the Full** and are now confident that this resource by Ten Ten is an appropriate scheme to use to deliver the curriculum requirements.

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.

Through their programme, Ten Ten understand the important 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.

The **Online Parent Portal** will also continue to be a tool that is used 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](http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-consultation-primary)
- Undertake the Parent Consultation course provided before completing the questionnaire.
- Complete the following questionnaire using this link  
<https://tinyurl.com/e2fv62ch> (this link is also on the school website)
- Send us your feedback by **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

We hope that our approach assures you about the new subject we are going to undertake.  
Please contact the school if you have any further questions.

Thank you for your continued support  
Your sincerely

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Assistant Head and Pastoral Lead.