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Dear Parents and Carers,

Consultation on Relationship and Sex Education (RSE)

The Governors of St John's Catholic Primary School are seeking to update our Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) scheme of work from the current scheme "Respect Yourself" to a new revised scheme of 'A Journey in Love' and invite views from parents on the new scheme of work.

'A Journey in Love' has been written as a progressive scheme of work that is recommended by the Diocese of Shrewsbury. Together with our schemes of work for Religious Education (RE) and Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE), it fulfils the criteria outlined by the Department of Education for Relationship Education and Health Education which became Statutory in September 2020.

'A Journey of Love' focuses on friendship, family, community, relationships and spirituality and will support the children's development as young Catholics in the 21st century. The content of the scheme of work is age appropriate and will be taught with sensitivity, taking into account the children's level of maturity in regard to the delivery of lessons. As part of our planning for the delivery of this programme we have ensured that there is consistency with our school's ethos and related policies, such as safeguarding, equalities and bullying. All RSE will be in accordance with the Church's moral teaching. It will emphasise the central importance of marriage and the family whilst acknowledging that all pupils have a fundamental right to have their life respected whatever household they come from and support will be provided to help pupils deal with different sets of values.

The programme will be delivered by classroom teachers. There will be opportunities for the children to work in mixed and single gender groups and exercises will be adapted to take into account different levels of maturity and ability. We encourage pupils to ask questions and to seek further information.

At St. John's we recognise that parents have the primary duty and right to be the first and principal educators of their children in this area. We see ourselves as supporting and helping parents to fulfil this responsibility. The attitude, beliefs and behaviour of pupils in all their relationships are primarily formed and greatly influenced by their experiences within the family and the relationship they have with their parents/guardians. RSE in our school is intended therefore to supplement and complement what goes on at home. For this reason, we welcome your comments on 'A Journey in Love'. A guide for parents is attached and can be found on the website. Teaching materials are also available to view by request. Please e-mail your comments to admin@sjrc.co.uk by **Friday 14th May** and title your email **RSE 2021**.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Buzzing

Head Teacher