



**RELATIONSHIPS, SEX & HEALTH
EDUCATION (RSHE) POLICY**

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Mission Statement

Our school aims to be a community which reflects real Gospel values of love and forgiveness.

A community in which each individual, child or adult can work and develop in an atmosphere of mutual respect and understanding;

so as to broaden their appreciation of the world, its cultures and its people.

Study - Sanctity – Service



School Motto

Only My Best Will Do. Be Kind To One Another. Amen.



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NAME	ROLE
Mr P Moloney	Chair of Governors
Mrs M D Hegarty	RE Link Governor
Mrs J McCormick	Headteacher
Mrs L Cooney	Senior Teacher RE & RSE Lead
Ms C Tabone	PHSE & Science Lead

RATIONALE

'I HAVE COME THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE LIFE AND HAVE IT TO THE FULL'

John 10:10

We are involved in Relationship, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) precisely because of our Christian beliefs about God and about the human person. The belief in the unique dignity of the human person made in the image and likeness of God underpins the approach to all education in a Catholic school. Our approach to RSE therefore is rooted in the Catholic Church's teaching of the human person and presented in a positive framework of Christian ideals.

At the heart of the Christian life is the Trinity; Father, Son and Spirit in communion, united in loving relationship and embracing all people and all creation. As a consequence of the Christian belief that we are made in the image and likeness of God, gender and sexuality are seen as God's gift, reflect God's beauty, and share in the divine creativity. RSE, therefore, will be placed firmly within the context of relationship as it is there that sexuality grows and develops.

Following the guidance of the Bishops of England and Wales and as advocated by the DFE (and the Welsh Assembly Government) RSE will be firmly embedded in the PSHE/RSHE framework as it is concerned with nurturing human wholeness and integral to the physical, spiritual, emotional, moral, social and intellectual development of pupils. It is centred on Christ's vision of being human as good news and will be positive and prudent, showing the potential for development, while enabling the dangers and risks involved to be understood and appreciated.

All Relationship, Sex and Health Education RSHE 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. It will also prepare pupils for life in modern Britain.



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AIM

St Sebastian's Catholic Primary School & Nursery aims to provide a suitable programme that follows the statutory need to include RSHE into their curriculum from September 2020 which meets the ethos of its Catholic identity and mission.

The purpose of this Relationship, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) policy is to set out the ways in which the schools' provision supports pupils through their spiritual, moral, social, emotional and physical development, and prepares them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of life growing up in today's world.

Our School's mission embraces the spiritual, physical, intellectual, emotional, moral and social development of children and young people, and through an agreed approach to Relationship, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) using the Archdiocesan recommended resource 'Journey in Love', we believe that we can promote the development of the whole child, so that children can grow in virtue, wisdom and stature, understanding both the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing spiritually, as well as moral aspects of relationships within a context of a Christian vision for the purpose of life.

RSHE is taught through our lifestyle in school and through the subjects of Religious Education, PSHE and Science and by way of a cross-curricular, integrated approach. All elements of PHSE at Key Stage 1 and 2 are covered. Significant aspects of Relationship and Sex education remain part of the National Curriculum for Science. These will be taught to all pupils.

The PSHE (Physical, Social, Health, and Economic Education) curriculum at St. Sebastian's embraces each child, offering them a safe opportunity to explore themselves, relationships and the wider-world around them. PSHE provides plentiful opportunities to voice opinions and clarify understanding, encouraging openness within discussion which contributes to the personal development of each individual. The range of aims and activities covered also help our children to appreciate the diverse communities in which we live contributing to their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. We offer a valuable curriculum in which information is shared with our children to empower them to make positive decisions about their own health and wellbeing, allowing them to recognise when issues arise, knowing how to seek support as early as possible from appropriate sources. In essence, the curriculum aims to promote positive physical, mental and emotional wellbeing, which is fundamental in the lives of our children both now and as they grow and mature.

In the Science National Curriculum, through high quality teaching and learning experiences, we aim to develop every child's key scientific knowledge, vocabulary and understanding of a range of scientific concepts, methods, processes and skills, including living things.

The other aspects of the statutory curriculum intent will be met by:

- encouraging pupils' growth in self-respect, acknowledging we are all created in the image and likeness of God
- helping pupils develop an understanding that love is the central basis of relationships
- helping pupils to understand the nature of relationships and to encourage them to reflect on their own relationships and respect differences between people
- developing pupils' confidence in talking, listening and thinking about feelings and relationships
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- helping pupils acquire the skills necessary to develop and sustain relationships
- offering sex education in the wider context of relationships
- ensuring that pupils protect themselves and ask for help and support when needed ensuring that pupils are prepared for puberty
- helping pupils develop a healthier, safer lifestyle
- preparing pupils to play an active role as citizens and to understand the Catholic vision of what it means to be citizens of the Kingdom/reign of God

A Journey in Love Programme

An aspect of the mystery of love is treated in each year group; children and young people are encouraged to marvel at the wonder and beauty of God's creative love. This is reflected in each stage of a person's growth in the primary years through a series of suggested, progressive and developmental tasks, activities and reflections that focus on social, emotional, physical and spiritual development.

EYFS	The wonder of being special and unique
Year 1	We meet God's love in our family
Year 2	We meet God's love in the community
Year 3	How we live in love
Year 4	God loves us in our differences
Year 5	God loves us in our changing and developing
Year 6	The wonder of God's love in creating new life



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PURPOSE

The aims of Relationship, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) at St Sebastian's Catholic Primary School & Nursery is to:

- Provide a framework in which sensitive discussions can take place.
- Help pupils develop feelings of dignity, self-worth, self-respect, confidence and empathy.
- Prepare pupils for puberty and give them an understanding of sexual development and the importance of health and hygiene.
- Create a positive culture around issues of sexuality and relationships.
- Teach pupils the correct vocabulary to describe themselves and their bodies.
- Provides opportunities to voice opinions and clarify understanding, encouraging openness within discussion which contributes to the personal development of each individual. We aim to ensure that all pupils:
 - Grow in self-respect, aim high and celebrate who they are.
 - Understand the rights of the child and laws / rules in place to enjoy a happy, healthy and safe childhood.
 - Acquire the skills necessary to develop and sustain positive relationships, focusing on family and friends, including online.
 - Appreciate and respect differences, valuing the contributions others make to our society.
 - Develop resilience when faced with challenging situations, knowing how / where to seek help.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

At St Sebastian's Catholic Primary School & Nursery, we must provide Relationships Education to all pupils as per section 34 of the Children and Social work act 2017.

In teaching Relationship and Sex Education, we must have regard to Catholic Education Service guidance issued by the Bishops Conference of England and Wales 2017.

The statutory guidance from the Department for Education issued under Section 80A of the Education Act 2002 and section 403 of the Education Act 1996 Appendix A

The statutory guidance from the Department for Education Equality Act 2010. Keeping Children Safe in Education 2024.



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POLICY DEVELOPMENT

This policy has been developed in consultation with staff, pupils and parents. The consultation and policy development process involved the following steps:

Review

KEY STAFF REVIEW: DATE

RE & PSHE Lead: Mrs L Cooney

PHSE & Science Lead: Ms C Tabone

Curriculum Lead: Mrs M Rabbette

SENCO: Mrs L McCormick

Headteacher: J McCormick

STAFF CONSULTATION: 20.11.2025

All school staff were given the opportunity to look at the policy and make recommendations.

PARENT/STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION: 04.12.2025

Questionnaire was sent to parents electronically for feedback and any interested parties; policy also shared with Chair of Governors (Mr P Moloney) & RE Link Governor (Mrs M D Hegarty).

Parents: 04.12.2025

Governors: 04.12.2025

PUPIL CONSULTATION: RBC

We investigated what exactly pupils want from their Relationship Sex and Health Education – school council meeting and questionnaire (KS2).

RATIFICATION: DATE

Once amendments were made, the policy was shared with governors and ratified.



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Definition

Relationship, Sex and Health Education involves a combination of sharing information, and exploring issues underpinned by our Catholic values.

Relationship Sex and Health Education is about the emotional, social and cultural development of pupils and involves learning about personal relationships, sexual health, sexuality, healthy lifestyles, diversity and personal identity.

Curriculum

We have developed our curriculum with recommendations from the Archdiocesan Education Department to ensure that they meet with Catholic Church teaching.

After consultation with parents Relationship, Sex and Health Education will be covered using the Archdiocesan recommended resource 'Journey in Love' 2020 this includes *sexual intercourse at Year 5/ 6. (See right of withdrawal).

We have considered the age, stage and feelings of pupils and have consulted with parents and staff to ensure we are offering a quality curriculum which is adequately catered to meet their needs.

Alongside the science curriculum, Journey in Love supports and extends scientific understanding of physical human development. We have sought direction from the PSHE Association Primary Scheme of Work and Local Authority to create a curriculum allowing our staff to design and plan age-appropriate subject content to cover aims based on core areas of the curriculum. Using a thematic approach, different year groups will work on similar themes at the same time (Relationships, Living in the Wider World and Health & Wellbeing) offering staff flexibility to meet planning requirements, the needs of their cohort and reflect the context of the school and local community. Our PSHE Curriculum Map also outline areas in which PSHE complements other national curriculum subjects allowing them to be seamlessly integrated into teaching, whilst opportunities to fulfil our wider curriculum are also offered through links with Philosophy for Children (P4C) as well as External Providers.

If pupils ask questions outside the scope of our curriculum, teachers will respond in an appropriate manner so they are fully informed and do not seek answers online

Delivery of Relationships, Sex & Health Education

Relationships, Sex & Health Education (RSHE) is taught both discretely and within the Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) curriculum lessons. Some aspects of the RSHE curriculum may be touched upon in other lessons as it shares links with Religious Education, Science and Physical Education.

Our RSHE will ensure that content is relevant to the age, experience and maturity of pupils.

The new statutory guidance for Relationships Education focuses on teaching the fundamental building blocks and characteristics of positive relationships including:

- Families and people who care for me.
- Caring friendships.
- Respectful relationships.



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- Online relationships
- Being safe.

These areas of learning are taught within the context of 'family life' and could include married or single parent families, same sex parents, families headed by grandparents, adoptive parents, foster parents/carers amongst other structures, along with reflecting sensitively that some children may have a support structure around them (for example: looked after children or young carers).

As a school, we promote equality of opportunity and foster good relations. Our school environment uniformly applies values of inclusion and respect to all pupils and their families. All staff are proactive in promoting positive relationships and receive regular training.

Equal Opportunities

All pupils have access to the RSHE curriculum. Where pupils have specific educational needs, arrangements for support from outside agencies and support staff are made to ensure these pupils have an appropriate, differentiated curriculum.

Roles and Responsibilities

Governing Body

The governing body will approve the RSHE policy and hold the Headteachers to account for its implementation.

The Headteacher

The Headteacher is responsible for ensuring that RSHE is taught consistently across the schools and for managing requests to withdraw pupils from the non-statutory element of Relationship and Sex Education * (see right of withdrawal).

Staff

Staff do not have the right to opt out of teaching RSHE as this forms part of the Teaching Standards. Any staff who have concerns about teaching RSHE are encouraged to discuss this with the headteachers.

Staff are responsible for:

- Delivering RSHE in a sensitive way which complies with Church teaching.
- Modelling positive attitudes to RSHE.
- Monitoring progress.
- Responding to the needs of individual pupils.
- Responding appropriately to pupils whose parents wish them to be withdrawn from the non-statutory components of RSE

Pupils

Pupils are expected to engage fully in RSHE and, when discussing issues related to RSHE, treat others with dignity, respect and sensitivity.



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Parents' right to withdraw

In exceptional circumstances, parents have the right to withdraw their children from the non-statutory component of sex education in Year 6. This is where sexual intercourse is taught discretely as part of the Physical aspect within Journey in Love, the Archdiocesan recommended resource.

Information prior to RSHE delivery is shared with parents and requests for withdrawal from the non-statutory component are to be made to the Class Teacher. Class Teachers, RSHE Lead and Headteachers will discuss the request with parents and take appropriate action.

Alternative work will be given to pupils who are withdrawn from RSE.

Parents do not have the right to withdraw their children from Statutory Relationships Education as set out in the DFE guidance 2020.

Monitoring Arrangements

The delivery of RSHE is monitored by:

RE & RSHE Lead: Mrs L Cooney

PSHE & Science Lead: Ms C Tabone

This is monitored by undertaking learning walks, staff and pupil consultations, planning and work scrutinies and questionnaires.

Pupils' development in RSHE is monitored by class teachers as part of our internal informal assessment systems.

This policy will be reviewed and agreed annually.

Resources

The PSHE Association www.pshe-association.org.uk

Early Years Foundation Stage

Journey in Love 2020

The Underwear PANTS Rule www.nspcc.org.uk

Key Stage One

Journey in Love 2020

Key Stage Two

Journey in Love 2020

CEOP – National Crime Agency Command

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Please see Appendices below:

- RE: Come & See Programme
- PSHE: Primary Relationships Education (Statutory Learning Opportunities)
- Science: National Curriculum KS1 & KS2



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APPENDIX 1

Come and See, Religious Education Directory (RED) and Relationship and Sex Education



Introduction

The following is intended as a guide for linking Relationship and Sex Education with Come and See and RED. Some of these aspects might be covered in the EXPLORE section where the topic is being introduced, starting with the pupil's own experience, and extending into the REVEAL and RESPOND sections. Some ideas may be used in the REVEAL process where the teaching is explicitly concerned with Scripture and the teaching of the Church. Some topics offer more explicit teaching to develop ideas about Relationship and Sex Education, some less so.

Another way of using this section is when teaching Religious Education which occurs in other aspects of the curriculum e.g. Science, P.E, PSHE etc.

WE ARE AWAITING GUIDANCE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE WITH REGARDS TO LINKS BETWEEN OUR RELATIONSHIP AND SEX EDUCATION PROGRAMME AND THE NEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DIRECTORY: TO KNOW YOU MORE CLEARLY.

YEAR 5		
OURSELVES	Created in the image and likeness of God	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Talents and qualities you admire in others ○ Your own talents and qualities and how you use them ○ Identify qualities in anyone else ○ How talents and qualities are developed. ○ We are made in the likeness of God ○ What being unique means ○ God's love for us ○ How Christians are called to live in peace. ○ How people are made in God's image and likeness might live
LIFE CHOICES	Marriage, commitment and service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The ingredients of a good friendship ○ What fidelity means and how it applies to friendship ○ Responsibilities friends have for one another ○ Difficulties and joys of friendships



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What is important for friendship to thrive ○ What it feels like to have faithful friend ○ Jesus' advice about relationship? ○ The importance of fidelity, loyalty and commitment in maintaining a friendship ○ The importance of commitment and responsibility in relationships. ○ What is means to be committed ○ The work of Christian service ○ The Sacrament of Marriage ○ The symbols of the promises and the blessing of rings ○ All are called to live in love and service
HOPE	Advent; waiting in joyful hope for Jesus; the promised one	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Your experience of waiting ○ How people wait in different ways, for different things. ○ Why waiting is a mystery ○ How you can best use the time you spend waiting and what might help you ○ What you think about when you are waiting for something exciting ○ How you behave when you are waiting ○ The difference between hope and expect ○ Why people wait with hope ○ The coming of Jesus at the end of time ○ Advent is a time of waiting hopefully
MISSION	Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese. [ecumenism]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The demands and joys being dedicated in your mission ○ Discovering your mission? ○ What inspires people in their mission ○ The joys and demands of engaging in a mission ○ The reasons why people what to help others. ○ How people carry out Jesus' mission today ○ Jesus' prayer for unity
SACRIFICE	The Eucharist; the living memorial of Jesus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Why memories are important ○ How it is possible to keep important memories alive ○ About sacrifice in daily life
FREEDOM & RESPONSIBILITY	Commandments enable Christians to be free & responsible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How people can use the energy of their minds for the good of others. ○ How people can use time and physical energy for the well-being of others and why they should. ○ How energy can transform ○ How we can use our energy to transform ourselves ○ How we can use the energy from the earth's resources in a fair and sustainable way. ○ How the power of the Holy Spirit helps Christians today ○ How freedom and responsibility are linked. ○ How people's perception of what their freedom allows may conflict with the expectation of others. ○ How importance of the Ten Commandments for Christians today. ○ How the Beatitudes show us a positive way of life.



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jesus teaching on the greatest commandments, love of God and others
STEWARDSHIP	The Church is called to stewardship of Creation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What I really care about ○ Showing concern for what I care for ○ The meaning of stewardship ○ Understanding the wonders of God's creation ○ People are made in the image and likeness of God ○ Christians can be good stewards. ○ The Christian's responsibility to take care of, to be a steward of the earth ○ The importance of ecology
YEAR 6		
LOVING	God who never stops loving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What unconditional love means ○ How love is shown ○ How you are loved and cared for ○ What members of your family do for each other ○ How you show love to others ○ How people have inspired and influenced you to show unconditional love to others ○ What it means to be truly loving ○ How people show unconditional love to others ○ The beliefs and values which have inspired and influenced you to be loving? ○ The scripture text that demonstrate God's unconditional love for everyone even when times are hard. ○ The challenge these passages present to Christians. ○ The Beatitudes and their meaning for today. ○ God's unconditional love and what this means. ○ By living in God's way, as Jesus showed us, we can grow in love.
VOCATION AND COMMITMENT	The vocation of priesthood and religious life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What it means to be committed? ○ Why people are committed? ○ The implications of lack of commitment ○ Whom shows commitment ○ How commitment affects the level of job satisfaction ○ Responding to the call of Jesus ○ Our mission in living out our baptismal vows
EXPECTATIONS	Jesus born to show God to the world	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The expectations you have of yourself ○ Having high expectations of others ○ Trusting and believing in one another ○ What happens if you let people down or others let you down? ○ Patience is important in expectations ○ The difference between wishing and expecting. ○ The meaning of Advent
SOURCES	Jesus born to show God to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The kind of books which are the most helpful



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	the world	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Our lives are enriched by books. ○ The wonder of books and how they take a person beyond themselves ○ The presence of God in the words of Scripture ○ The care and reverence with which the Word of God is treated
UNITY	Eucharist enables people to live in communion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Why friendships are important ○ The most important value in friendship ○ What helps a friendship to flourish ○ The kinds of behaviour that break a friendship ○ Those affected when a friendship is broken ○ Mending broken friendships ○ Becoming one with Christ and one another in Holy Communion ○ The unity which Holy Communion brings
DEATH & NEW LIFE	Celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The affect of loss in everyday life ○ The change it brought ○ What remained the same ○ What is the best way to cope with loss ○ How people cope with loss and death ○ How death brings new life ○ Lent, a time to remember the suffering and death of Jesus
WITNESSES	The Holy Spirit enables people to become witnesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ When to be a witness ○ How to be a witness ○ Why it sometimes needs courage to be a witness ○ Examples of modern witnesses ○ The witness of a local charity,
HEALING	Sacrament of the Sick	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Showing compassion and care for those who are ill ○ Our attitude towards those people are ill in their minds ○ Helping, caring and understanding those with a learning disability. ○ What gives a person comfort when they are very ill ○ Why people give time and commitment to caring for others ○ Why we care for the sick ○ The Sacrament of Anointing brings comfort to those who are sick ○ The Christian responsibility for caring for these in need
COMMON GOOD	Work of Christians for the good of all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How we build a fair and just world ○ The difference between fairness and justice, unfairness and injustice ○ Helping to promote the dignity and common good of one another ○ Beatitudes; a guide from Jesus about how to live life. ○ The ways we can act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with God ○ How Christians can work for the common good ○ Something about Catholic Social Teaching

**RSHE POLICY – OCTOBER 2025****APPENDIX 2****Primary Relationships Education Statutory Learning Opportunities**

Statutory requirements are re-visited by various year groups during an academic year, the learning objectives are different and pitched to the age-related expectations and individual needs of the cohort.

<u>FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WHO CARE FOR ME</u>	
That families are important for children growing up because they can give love, security and stability	Autumn: Relationships Y1
The characteristics of healthy family life, commitment to each other, including in times of difficulty, protection and care for children and other family members, the importance of spending time together and sharing each other's lives	Autumn: Relationships Y3
That others' families, either in school or in the wider world, sometimes look different from their family, but that they should respect those differences and know that other children's families are also characterised by love and care	Autumn: Relationships Y3 Spring: Living in the Wider World Y2 & Y4
That stable, caring relationships, which may be of different types, are at the heart of happy families, and are important for children's security as they grow up	Autumn: Relationships Y6
That marriage represents a formal and legally recognised commitment of two people to each other which is intended to be lifelong	Autumn: Relationships Y6
How to recognise if family relationships are making them feel unhappy or unsafe, and how to seek help or advice from others if needed	Autumn: Relationships Y1 Spring: Living in the Wider World Y3

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<u>CARING FRIENDSHIPS</u>	
How important friendships are in making us feel happy and secure, and how people choose and make friends	Autumn: Relationships Y1
The characteristics of friendships, including mutual respect, truthfulness, trustworthiness, loyalty, kindness, generosity, trust, sharing interests and experiences and support with problems and difficulties	Autumn: Relationships Y2 & Y4
That healthy friendships are positive and welcoming towards others, and do not make others feel lonely or excluded	Autumn: Relationships Y2
That most friendships have ups and downs, and that these can often be worked through so that the friendship is repaired or even strengthened, and that resorting to violence is never right	Autumn: Relationships Y5
How to recognise who to trust and who not to trust, how to judge when a friendship is making them feel unhappy or uncomfortable, managing conflict, how to manage these situations and how to seek help or advice from others, if needed	Autumn: Relationships Y5 & Y6

<u>RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS</u>	
The importance of respecting others, even when they are very different from them (for example, physically, in character, personality or backgrounds), or make different choices or have different preferences or beliefs	Autumn: Relationships Y2 & Y4 Spring: Living in the Wider World Y6
Practical steps they can take in a range of different contexts to improve or support respectful relationships	Autumn: Relationships Y6 Spring: Living in the Wider World Y5
The conventions of courtesy and manners	Autumn: Relationships Y6
The importance of self-respect and how this links to their own happiness	Autumn: Relationships Y3
That in school and in wider society they can expect to be treated with respect by others, and that in turn they should show due respect to others, including those in positions of authority	Autumn: Relationships Y1 Spring: Living in the Wider World Y1, Y2 & Y3

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About different types of bullying (including cyberbullying), the impact of bullying, responsibilities of bystanders (primarily reporting bullying to an adult) and how to get help	Autumn: Relationships Y3
What a stereotype is, and how stereotypes can be unfair, negative or destructive	Spring: Living in the Wider World Y3, Y5 & Y6
The importance of permission-seeking and giving in relationships with friends, peers and adults	Autumn: Relationships Y6

ONLINE RELATIONSHIPS

That people sometimes behave differently online, including by pretending to be someone they are not	Autumn: Relationships Y4
That the same principles apply to online relationships as to face-to face relationships, including the importance of respect for others online including when we are anonymous	Autumn: Relationships Y4
The rules and principles for keeping safe online, how to recognise risks, harmful content and contact, and how to report them	Spring: Living in the Wider World Y2
How to critically consider their online friendships and sources of information including awareness of the risks associated with people they have never met	Summer: Health & Wellbeing Y6
How information and data is shared and used online	Spring: Living in the Wider World Y4

BEING SAFE

What sorts of boundaries are appropriate in friendships with peers and others (including in a digital context)	Spring: Living in the Wider World Y1
About the concept of privacy and the implications of it for both children and adults; including that it is not always right to keep secrets if they relate to being safe	Autumn: Relationships Y2 & Y5
That each person's body belongs to them, and the differences between appropriate and inappropriate or unsafe physical, and other, contact	Autumn: Relationships Y1 & Y5 Summer: Health & Wellbeing Y2



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How to respond safely and appropriately to adults they may encounter (in all contexts, including online) whom they do not know	Spring: Living in the Wider World Y5 Summer: Health & Wellbeing Y3
How to recognise and report feelings of being unsafe or feeling bad about any adult	Summer: Health & Wellbeing Y1
How to ask for advice or help for themselves or others, and to keep trying until they are heard	Summer: Health & Wellbeing Y5
How to report concerns or abuse, and the vocabulary and confidence needed to do so	Spring: Living in the Wider World Y6
Where to get advice from e.g. family, school and/or other sources	Autumn: Relationships Y2

<u>MENTAL WELLBEING</u>	
That mental wellbeing is a normal part of daily life, in the same way as physical health	Summer: Health & Wellbeing Y3
That there is a normal range of emotions (e.g. happiness, sadness, anger, fear, surprise, nervousness) and scale of emotions that all humans experience in relation to different experiences and situations	Summer: Health & Wellbeing Y2 & Y4
How to recognise and talk about their emotions, including having a varied vocabulary of words to use when talking about their own and others' feelings	Summer: Health & Wellbeing Y3
How to judge whether what they are feeling and how they are behaving is appropriate and proportionate	Summer: Health & Wellbeing Y1
The benefits of physical exercise, time outdoors, community participation, voluntary and service-based activity on mental wellbeing and happiness	Summer: Health & Wellbeing Y3 & Y5
Simple self-care techniques, including the importance of rest, time spent with friends and family and the benefits of hobbies and interests	Summer: Health & Wellbeing Y1
Isolation and loneliness can affect children and that it is very important for children to discuss their feelings with an adult and seek support	Autumn: Relationships Y4

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That bullying (including cyberbullying) has a negative and often lasting impact on mental wellbeing	Autumn: Relationships Y3
Where and how to seek support (including recognising the triggers for seeking support), including whom in school they should speak to if they are worried about their own or someone else's mental wellbeing or ability to control their emotions (including issues arising online)	Summer: Health & Wellbeing Y6
It is common for people to experience mental ill health. For many people who do, the problems can be resolved if the right support is made available, especially if accessed early enough	Summer: Health & Wellbeing Y6

INTERNET SAFETY AND HARMS

That for most people the internet is an integral part of life and has many benefits	Spring: Living in the Wider World Y1 & Y2
About the benefits of rationing time spent online, the risks of excessive time spent on electronic devices and the impact of positive and negative content online on their own and others' mental and physical wellbeing	Summer: Health & Wellbeing Y6
How to consider the effect of their online actions on others and know how to recognise and display respectful behaviour online and the importance of keeping personal information private	Spring: Living in the Wider World Y1 & Y6
Why social media, some computer games and online gaming, for example, are age restricted	Spring: Living in the Wider World Y3 Summer: Health & Wellbeing Y1
That the internet can also be a negative place where online abuse, trolling, bullying and harassment can take place, which can have a negative impact on mental health	Autumn: Relationships Y5
How to be a discerning consumer of information online including understanding that information, including that from search engines, is ranked, selected and targeted	Spring: Living in the Wider World Y4
Where and how to report concerns and get support with issues online	Spring: Living in the Wider World Y5

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The characteristics and mental and physical benefits of an active lifestyle	Summer: Health & Wellbeing Y1
The importance of building regular exercise into daily and weekly routines and how to achieve this; for example walking or cycling to school, a daily active mile or other forms of regular, vigorous exercise	Summer: Health & Wellbeing Y3
The risks associated with an inactive lifestyle (including obesity)	Summer: Health & Wellbeing Y3
How and when to seek support including which adults to speak to in school if they are worried about their health	Summer: Health & Wellbeing Y4

HEALTHY EATING

What constitutes a healthy diet (including understanding calories and other nutritional content)	Summer: Health & Wellbeing Y4
The principles of planning and preparing a range of healthy meals	Summer: Health & Wellbeing Y1
The characteristics of a poor diet and risks associated with unhealthy eating (including, for example, obesity and tooth decay) and other behaviours (e.g. the impact of alcohol on diet or health)	Summer: Health & Wellbeing Y3

DRUGS, ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO

The facts about legal and illegal harmful substances and associated risks, including smoking, alcohol use and drug-taking	Summer: Health & Wellbeing Y4 & Y6
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HEALTH AND PREVENTION

How to recognise early signs of physical illness, such as weight loss, or unexplained changes to the body	Summer: Health & Wellbeing Y4
About safe and unsafe exposure to the sun, and how to reduce the risk of sun damage, including skin cancer	Summer: Health & Wellbeing Y5



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The importance of sufficient good quality sleep for good health and that a lack of sleep can affect weight, mood and ability to learn	Summer: Health & Wellbeing Y2
About dental health and the benefits of good oral hygiene and dental flossing, including regular check-ups at the dentist	Summer: Health & Wellbeing Y4
About personal hygiene and germs including bacteria, viruses, how they are spread and treated, and the importance of handwashing	Summer: Health & Wellbeing Y5
The facts and science relating to allergies, immunisation and vaccination	Summer: Health & Wellbeing Y5

BASIC FIRST AID

How to make a clear and efficient call to emergency services if necessary	Summer: Health & Wellbeing Y2 & Y5
Concepts of basic first-aid, for example dealing with common injuries, including head injuries	Summer: Health & Wellbeing Y5

CHANGING ADOLESCENT BODY

Key facts about puberty and the changing adolescent body, particularly from age 9 through to age 11, including physical and emotional changes	Summer: Health & Wellbeing Y6
About menstrual wellbeing including the key facts about the menstrual cycle	Summer: Health & Wellbeing Y6



APPENDIX 3

Statutory Science Curriculum

Early Years Foundation Stage children learn about life cycles. Through on-going personal, social and emotional development they develop the skills to form relationships and think about relationships with others.

In Key Stage 1 children learn:

- That animals, including humans, move, feed, grow and use their senses and reproduce
- To recognise and compare the main external parts of the bodies of humans
- That humans and animals can reproduce offspring and these grow into adults
- To recognise similarities and differences between themselves and others
- To treat others with sensitivity

In Key Stage 2 children learn:

- That the life processes common to humans and other animals including nutrition, growth and reproduction
 - About the main stages of the human life cycle
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APPENDIX 4

RSHE Pupil Voice

Do you enjoy RSHE lessons?
What topics have you enjoyed this term? Why?
Can you link these topics to work you did in previous years?
What makes RSHE lessons different from other subjects?
How do you share your ideas in RSHE lessons?
Do you ever use knowledge from other subjects to help in RSHE?
Do your RHSE lessons link to the School Mission statement?
How would you improve RSHE lessons?



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APPENDIX 5

Parent Consultation Letter and Questionnaire on RSHE Policy

Dear Parents and Carers,

As a part of your child's education at St Sebastian's Catholic Primary School, we promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive *Personal, Social, Health and Economic* (PSHE) education programme. PSHE education is the curriculum subject that gives children the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live safe, healthy, productive lives and meet their full potential.

We are writing to let you know that, in the **week beginning 19th January 2026**, your child's class will be taking part in the '**Physical**' lesson of the *Relationships, Sex and Health Education* (RSHE) programme. The school uses ***Journey in Love***, as recommended by the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

An overview of the 3 RSHE lessons in your child's year group and what they will be learning about, can be found on the attached information sheet. We would encourage you to talk with your child at home after the lessons, listening to any questions, worries or concerns they may have.

PSHE and RSHE education is taught throughout the school in every year group and is monitored and reviewed regularly by the staff and the governing body. All RSHE teaching takes place in a safe learning environment and is underpinned by our school mission statement, ethos and values.

We recognise that parents are the first and most important carers of their children and we hope that the information we present, will enable us all to work together effectively.

As a school community, we are committed to working in partnership with parents / carers so we would urge you to read the attached information and also the school's RSHE policy on our school website. We would also ask that you complete the RSHE Parent Questionnaire, via the link below. It has also been sent on Class Dojo:

[RSHE Questionnaire – Autumn 2025](#)

If you would like to discuss any concerns you may have, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Cooney (RSHE Lead).

JOURNEY IN LOVE

YEAR GROUP	SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL	PHYSICAL	SPIRITUAL
<p>EARLY YEARS To explore the wonder of being special and unique.</p> <p><i>Key words: God, wonder, love, hands, fingers, nails, faces, noses, lips, ears, hair, features, colour, shape, size, unique, belonging, different, special womb, describe, friends, generous, worried, Baptism.</i></p>	<p>To recognise the joy of being a special person in my family.</p> <p><i>“Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love.” St Teresa of Kolkata</i></p>	<p>To recognise that we are all different and unique.</p> <p><i>“God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.” St. Augustine</i></p>	<p>To celebrate the joy of being a special person in God’s family.</p> <p><i>“We are each gifted in a unique and important way.” Mary Dunbar</i></p>
<p>YEAR 1 To focus on families and specially growing up in a loving, secure and stable home.</p> <p><i>Key words: unique, friend, respect, secure, God, love, care, commitment, stable, important, different, special, signs, healthy, safe, boundaries, kindness, teasing, bullying, positive, negative, wrong, unacceptable, truth, lies, head, eyes, nose, mouth, teeth, tongue, throat, neck, shoulders, arms, breasts, nipple, waist, elbows, penis, vagina, vulva, bottom, anus, legs, knees, ankles, feet, toes.</i></p>	<p>To recognise the signs that I am loved in my family.</p> <p><i>“We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do.” Mother Teresa</i></p>	<p>To recognise how I am cared for and kept safe in my family.</p> <p><i>“Protect your families. Be sanctuaries of respect for life.” Pope Francis</i></p>	<p>To celebrate ways that God loves and cares for us.</p> <p><i>“The human family is the greatest treasure of any country.” Pope Francis</i></p>
<p>YEAR 2 To describe how we are growing and developing in diverse communities that are God-given.</p> <p><i>Key words: community, local, global, impact, responsibility, harm, improve, God-given, belonging, family, diverse, father, mother, carer, guardian, feelings, recognise, emotions, friendships, relationships, secrets, stereotypes, respect, equal.</i></p>	<p>To recognise the joy and friendship of belonging to a diverse community.</p> <p><i>“Look out for one another’s interests and not your own.” Philippians 2:1, 2-3</i></p>	<p>To describe ways of being safe in communities.</p> <p><i>“Let us learn to live with kindness, love everyone, even when they do not love us.” Pope Francis</i></p>	<p>To celebrate ways of meeting God in our communities.</p> <p><i>“Our greatest fulfilment lies in giving ourselves to others.” Henri Nouwen</i></p>
<p>YEAR 3 To describe and give reasons for how we grow in love, in caring and happy friendships where we are secure and safe.</p> <p><i>Key words: community, God-given, belonging, family, diverse, father, mother, carer, guardian, feelings, emotions, friends, loyalty, kindness, trust, selfless, generous, reasons, difficulties, positive, respectful.</i></p>	<p>To describe and give reasons how friendships make us feel happy and safe.</p> <p><i>“I like friends who have independent minds because they tend to make you see problems from all angles.” Nelson Mandela</i></p>	<p>To describe and give reasons why friendships can break down, how they can be repaired and strengthened.</p> <p><i>“Instead be kind and tender-hearted to one another, and forgive one another, as God has forgiven you through Christ.” Ephesians 4:32</i></p>	<p>To celebrate the joy and happiness of living in friendship with God and others.</p> <p><i>“God loves us as we are: no sin, fault or mistake can make Him change His mind.” Pope Francis</i></p>
<p>YEAR 4 To make links and connections to show that we are all different. To celebrate these differences as we appreciate that God’s love accepts us as we are now and as we change</p> <p><i>Key words: God, gifts, talents, difference, development, change, stereotype, acceptance, cultural, biological, respect, courtesy, manners, sensitivity, religious, belief, bullying, polite, uniqueness, innate, beauty, dignity.</i></p>	<p>To describe how we all should be accepted and respected.</p> <p><i>“Each of us can make a difference and all of us ought to try.” Barack Obama</i></p>	<p>To describe how we should treat others making links with the diverse modern society we live in.</p> <p><i>“My commandment is this: Love one another, just as I have loved you.” John 15:12</i></p>	<p>To celebrate the uniqueness and innate beauty of each of us.</p> <p><i>“Each one must use for the good of others the special gift he has received from God.” 1 Peter 4:10-11</i></p>



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YEAR GROUP	SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL	PHYSICAL	SPIRITUAL
<p>YEAR 5 To show a knowledge and understanding of how we grow in awareness of the physical and emotional changes that accompany puberty, sensitivity, mood swings, anger, boredom, etc, and grow further in recognising God's presence in our daily lives.</p> <p><i>Key words:</i> God, sensitivity, puberty, presence, celebrate, external, internal, change, develop, ovulation, biological, respect, reproduction, menstrual cycle, hormones, pituitary gland, uterus, fertilised ovum, fallopian tube, vagina, vulva, cervix, womb, period</p>	<p>To show knowledge and understanding of emotional relationship changes as we grow and develop.</p> <p><i>"You are God's work of art." Ephesians 2:10</i></p>	<p>To show knowledge and understanding of the physical changes in puberty.</p> <p><i>"You created every part of me, you put me together in my mother's womb..." Psalm 139: 13-18</i></p>	<p>To celebrate the joy of growing physically and spiritually.</p> <p><i>"He created man and woman and He gave them everything. He entrusted the world to them." Pope Francis</i></p>
<p>YEAR 6 To develop a secure understanding of what stable, caring relationships are and the different kinds there may be. Focussing on Catholic teaching, children will also know and understand about the conception of a child within marriage.</p> <p><i>Key words:</i> God, Christian, appropriate, dignity, sexuality, intercourse, fallopian, conceive, relationship, uterus, cervix, fiancé, fiancée</p>	<p>To develop a secure understanding that stable and caring relationships, which may be of different types, are at the heart of happy families.</p> <p><i>"Small things, done in great love, bring joy and peace." St Teresa of Kolkata</i></p>	<p>To explain how human life is conceived.</p> <p><i>"You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book." Psalm 139: 16-17</i></p>	<p>To show an understanding of how being made in the image and likeness of God informs decisions and actions when building relationships with others, including life-long relationships.</p> <p><i>"Love is an art to be learned. It is a giving experience, a selfless act." Cardinal Basil Hume</i></p>