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Dear Parent/Carer,

This letter intends to outline to you our carefully planned learning programme, rooted within Christian gospel values, for the delivery of Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE). This programme will be delivered across Year 7 – Year 11 in September 2021, when it becomes a statutory requirement for all Secondary schools in the UK.

Throughout this academic year, both the staff and governing body have been working together to research, review and plan a suitable programme for our children - one that will not compromise our Christian gospel values or the children's pastoral development. Our priority is that through the wisdom and teaching of the Church on these important RSHE topics, we will be delivering upon the key messages within our School's mission statement; that being, *'every child is recognised as unique, and loved by God'*, and is *"guided to achieve their fullest potential"*. The education of children in human sexuality is an important, precious and privileged responsibility, and one our teachers take very seriously.

Additionally, the Church teaches us that this is very much a partnership with parents. We recognise that you, as parents, are the 'first educators' of your children on these matters; ultimately, you confer on us the right to co-educate your children with you. This is why it is so important we work together to ensure your child receives a positive framework of guidance, nurture and support on how to be truly human in Christ.

St Bernard's will be adopting the **'Life to the Full'** programme by Ten Ten Resources. Ten Ten is an award-winning Catholic educational organisation that is well-respected and very experienced in this field of work. It has been approved by the Diocese of Hallam, and is currently used in our Catholic Primary Schools. This should provide reassurance to you that your child will experience a progressive, consistent message about such sensitive and important life topics.



Furthermore, Ten Ten have entered into a partnership with the Catholic Education Service and the Department for Education to provide training for all teachers in Catholic schools on the subject of RSHE. All St Bernard's teachers and support staff will be embarking on this training to secure further confidence and consistency in the delivery of the Life to the Full programme across the school.

Online Parent Portal:

From September, there will be 7 sessions delivered to each year group by your child's from tutor. Ten Ten have provided you with an **Online Parent Portal** which is a tool you can use to learn about each of these sessions and to also gain ideas for engaging your child in discussion, activity and prayer.

You will also find on the parent portal Ten Ten's **year overview** of planned sessions. However, we are devout in ensuring we deliver a programme which is age, ability, and maturity specific. Given the disruptions to children's learning and pastoral development over the last 15 months, we have edited the sequence of these sessions to reflect the gaps in their personal and maturity development. Therefore, our overview differs slightly from the one provided on the portal. You will find our planned overview on our website.

In addition, we have also planned to ensure our students with SEND receive the support, guidance or scaffolding that is identified in their learning plans.

To access the **online parent portal**, please use the details below:

- Website Address: <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal>
- Parent user name: st-bernard-s65
- Parent password: York-898



Your Feedback:

Your feedback on our approach is important to us. To this end, we would also like to inform you about the **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.

To undertake the parent consultation course, please use the below details:

- Website address: www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-consultation-secondary
- Parent user name: st-bernard-s65
- Parent password: York-898

Along with this letter, you will have received a Google form parent consultation questionnaire to collate your feedback and any questions you would like us to respond to. We ask that you use this in the first instance to communicate with us. The deadline for this feedback is **Friday 21st May, 2021**.

I hope that our selected programme has gone some way to assuring you about the new subjects we are going to be undertaking. Our aim is to complement, and not replace, your role as the primary educator of your child so that together we can shape their values and understanding on how they can truly live their life to the full.

This really is an exciting opportunity for our entire school community!

Yours sincerely
Ms L J Lee
Vice Principal.