



St Mary's RC Primary School
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Full of grace, we grow and learn together.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

RSE

At St Mary's, we aim to provide a suitable RSE programme that follows the statutory need to include Relationships and Sex Education into our curriculum and that meets the ethos of our Catholic identity and mission. To support the teaching of RSE within St Mary's we will be using 'A Journey in Love.'

'A Journey in Love' is the recommended programme of study for Catholic schools for Relationships and Sex Education, and has been written to support Religious Education, PSHE and Science curricula taught within the school. This resource has been recently revised to ensure it is up to date and links where appropriate to DfE guidelines.

Throughout 'A Journey in Love', an aspect of the mystery of love is focussed upon 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 which focus on physical, social, emotional, intellectual and spiritual development.

As with all aspects of learning, children are naturally curious and many will have questions related to their lessons. Opportunities to discuss questions form part of the lessons and again these are treated with care and understanding.

'A Journey in Love' highlights the importance of parental input and children will be told to discuss their lessons at home. As a parent, you have the right to withdraw your child from Relationships and Sex Education at any time if you wish to do so, however, this is not to be confused with Science topics such as 'Life Cycles' as they are statutory requirements.

Ordinarily, we would invite you to a parents' information session to explain the programme further and show examples of the content but due to COVID-19 restrictions we will be unable to do this. Samples of content from the programme of study along with our RSE policy can be found on the RSE section of our website. Go to: <https://www.st-marysrc.stockport.sch.uk/our-curriculum/pshe>

If you have any concerns or queries around the teaching of RSE then please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

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