

Sex and Relationship Education

At the heart of the Catholic faith is love. This means that we link every aspect of our being, from birth to death, with love. Love starts to enter our life at the moment of birth and develops through our relationships.

As a parent, you are the key person in educating your child/ren in their social interactions with others. In primary school, your child's class teacher has a vital role to play too. We believe home and school should work in partnership and our SRE programme is designed to complement your role as educator for your child.

School has a responsibility to ensure that the information given to pupils is received in the context of the teachings of the Catholic Church and therefore based on sound moral principles. We must be ready to accompany the children on their journey to adulthood, modelling for them and enabling them to become capable of whole and wholesome relationships. The whole of childhood is the gradual independence in which children learn to live effective lives. They learn how to:

- identify, acknowledge and manage a range of feelings.
- live and work with others.

- make appropriate decisions and take responsibility for the decisions they have made.

The Catholic Church has always emphasised that its aim is the education of the whole person. At our school, we believe we should help pupils to make right judgments and take the right actions in the many varied situations they might find themselves.

This leaflet gives you a brief overview of Sex and Relationship Education in our school – SRE. Aspects of SRE are taught as an integral part of the RE curriculum and PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education & Citizenship). A number of aspects are taken from the Science curriculum which is statutory.

Your rights as a parent:

- To be informed about the content of SRE in school.
- To talk to your child/ren about aspects of SRE.
- To know you have the right to withdraw your child from some SRE lessons but not from statutory science lessons.



YEAR 6

The wonder of God's love in creating life.

Learning

Children develop in an appropriate way for their age, and understanding of sexuality and grow further in their appreciation of their dignity and worth as children of God.

Physical

How human life is conceived.

Social and Emotional

Children develop a secure understanding that stable and caring relationships, which may be of different types, are at the heart of happy families.

Spiritual

Understand that God causes new life to begin through the love that parents have for each other. As Christians we can appreciate the sheer wonder of the sexual act. God created the incredible natural process by which husband and wife bring new life into the world. The Church celebrates all this in the Sacrament of Marriage.

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PRAYER

For each of us, life is like a journey.

Birth is the beginning of this journey,

And death is not the end; but the destination.

It is a journey that takes us

From youth to age,

From innocence to awareness,

From ignorance to knowledge,

From foolishness to wisdom,

From weakness to strength and often back
again,

From offence to forgiveness,

From pain to compassion,

From fear to faith,

From defeat to victory and from victory to
defeat,

Until, looking backward or ahead,

We see that victory does not lie

At some high point along the way,

But in having made the journey,

Stage by stage.

St William of York Catholic Primary School



A Guide for Parents

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