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*'WE COME TO SCHOOL TO LIVE AND LEARN HAPPILY TOGETHER BY LOVING
OURSELVES AND EACH OTHER
AS JESUS TEACHES US.'*

Friday 12th February 2021

Statutory Parental Consultation Process for Relationships and Sex Education

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Government has issued new statutory guidance for the teaching of Relationship and Sex Education which will come in to force in to be taught from the summer term 2021.

The Catholic Bishops' Conference has directed the Catholic Education Service to provide support to all dioceses for the implementation of this to ensure that the approach and materials used are in line with the statutory guidance and Catholic teaching.

By law we are required to consult with parents over the content of our policy prior to the governors approving it for implementation. In an ideal world parents would have been invited to a presentation at the school with opportunities for questions and answers. As this is not possible at present we are having to do this process through our website. Please note that a parent meeting will be scheduled after half term for the sharing of the teaching materials to be used for delivery of the policy. (In essence very little will change in actual content from what we currently deliver to children.)

On the school website you will find a folder labelled "RSE Consultation". You may also follow this link:

<https://www.staugustines.herts.sch.uk/herts/primary/staugustines/site/pages/parents/rseconsultation>

This contains a copy of this letter, a copy of the CES model primary curriculum, a copy of our parent RSE consultation questionnaire, a copy of the draft for our new RSE policy and a copy of the DFE's statutory guidance for teaching RSE.

If you wish to participate in the consultation process, then please study these materials and feedback any comments or questions to admin@staugustines.herts.sch.uk putting "RSE Consultation" in the subject box. This consultation will be open for 6 weeks from 12th February to 26th March 2021. All comments and completed parent questionnaires must be received by this date.

Yours sincerely

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