# Personal, Social and Health Education

# Mission Statement: "Love one another as I have loved you."

- St Michael's is a Catholic school in which Gospel values inform all aspects of community life.
- We are distinguished by the quality of education and care extended to all those in the school community.
- Each person is recognised as an individual and everybody is valued and enabled to fulfil their potential.
- In partnership with the wider community we are prepared to make full use of all the opportunities available so that we are all freed to become the individuals God wishes us to be, and to create a better world.

From September 2020 certain aspects of RSE and Health Education will become mandatory for ALL school so how might that impact on St Michael's?

# Why is RSE in Catholic Schools important?

RSE is part of the mission of Catholic schools to educate the whole person. It should be carried out as part of the holistic education which seeks to form as well as inform young people in preparation for adult life.



Relationships and Sex Education

Relationships and Sex Education will build on the teaching at primary school. It aims to give young people the information they need to help them develop healthy, nurturing relationships of all kinds.

Our school will cover content on what healthy and unhealthy relationships look like and what makes a good friend, colleague and successful marriage or committed relationship. At the appropriate time, the focus will move to developing intimate relationships, to equip your child with knowledge they need to make safe, informed and healthy choices as they progress through adult life.

By the end of secondary school, pupils will have been taught content on:

- families
- respectful relationships, including friendships
- online media
- being safe
- intimate and sexual relationships, including sexual health



Health Education aims to give children the information they need to make good decisions about their own health and wellbeing, to recognise issues in themselves and others, and to seek support as early as possible when issues arise.

By the end of secondary school, pupils will have been taught content on:

- mental wellbeing
- internet safety and harms
- physical health and fitness
- healthy eating
- drugs, alcohol and tobacco
- health and prevention
- basic first aid
- changing adolescent body

You can find further details by searching 'relationships, sex and health education' on GOV.UK.

### What does outstanding RSE in Catholic school look like?

In order for Catholic RSE to be fully effective it needs to:

- •Be faithful to the Church's vision of human wholeness whilst recognising the contemporary context in which we live today;
- •Involve parents as they are primary educators of their child;
- •Provide a positive view of human sexuality and dignity of the human person;
- •Equip young people with the ability to make practical judgments about the right thing to do in particular circumstances;
- •Explore and promote virtues which are essential to promoting respect and dignity;
- •Be delivered in an age appropriate way which reflects the development of the child;
- •Be part of the cross-curricular work in both primary and secondary schools;
- •Be sensitive to the needs of the individual pupil and recognise the mix of pupils with different sexual orientations, genders and family backgrounds in each class;
- •Be taken seriously by governors and teachers as an integrated part of the broad and balanced curriculum that Catholic schools offer;
- •Be delivered by competent professionals who understand the Church's teaching.

### **New PSHE Guidelines**

### **Physical health and fitness**

- associations between physical activity and mental wellbeing,
- what constitutes a healthy lifestyle
- maintaining a healthy weight, links between an inactive lifestyle and ill health, including cancer and cardio-vascular ill-health.
- the science relating to blood, organ and stem cell donation

### **Healthy eating**

 how to maintain healthy eating and the links between a poor diet and health risks, including tooth decay and cancer

### **Health and prevention**

- personal hygiene
- germs
- antibiotics
- Dental Health
- Immunizations & Vaccines
- Self-examinations
- Importance of sleep

### **DfE Topics**

Mental wellbeing

Internet safety and harms

Drugs alcohol and tobacco

Respectful relationships, including friendships

Online and media

Intimate and sexual relationships, including sexual health Citizenship

Physical health and fitness

healthy eating

Health and prevention

Basic first aid

Changing adolescent body

**Families** 

**Being Safe** 

### **CPR/First Aid**

- Basic treatment for common injuries
- Life-saving skills, including how to administer CPR
- The purpose of defibrillators and when one might be needed

### **Families**

- Different types of families,
- Marriage
- Roles and responsibilities of parents
- Judge when a family, friend, intimate or other relationship is unsafe

### **Being Safe**

- The concepts of and laws relating to sexual consent
- Sexual exploitation, abuse, grooming, coercion, harassment, rape domestic abuse, forced marriage, honour-based violence and FGM
- How these can affect current and future relationships

# How will it be delivered in St Michael's?

### The RSHE curriculum will be delivered:

- 1. In weekly tutorial lessons delivered by form tutors
- 2. In some subject specific curriculum areas e.g. Science, RE. IT, PE
- 3. In Education for Living lessons delivered by Mrs Wallis (Assistant Head)

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Online Safety	Drug and Alcohol Education	Relationships (including LGBT+)	Consent
Healthy lifestyles		, ,	Contraception
Puberty		Teenage pregnancy	STIs
			First Aid

# Right of withdrawal

### **Current Guidelines**

- Under the current RSE guidance, until
  September 2020, parents can choose to
  withdraw their child (up to the age of 18)
  from any or all aspects of Sex and
  Relationships Education that are not included
  within the statutory National Curriculum.
- This means that parents are not permitted to withdraw their child from elements of sex education (for example reproductive and biological aspects) that are within the science curriculum.
- Schools must make alternative arrangements for pupils whose parents choose to withdraw them from RSE lessons

### **Starting September 2020**

- Parents will not be able to withdraw their child from any aspect of Relationships Education or Health Education.
- Parents will be able to withdraw their child (following discussion with the school) from any or all aspects of Sex Education, other than those which are part of the science curriculum, up to and until three terms before the age of 16.
- After that point, the guidance states that 'if the child wishes to receive sex education rather than be withdrawn, the school should make arrangements to provide the child with sex education during one of those terms.'
- Where pupils are withdrawn from sex education, schools should document the process and will have to 'ensure that the pupil receives appropriate, purposeful education during the period of withdrawal.'

# The Outcome:

- Discerning and mindful human beings willing to participate as positive citizens
- Solution-focused individuals knowing how and when to solve their own problems, and when to seek help
- Resilient, caring people caring for self and others
- Questioning and challenging minds that want to learn
- Self-knowledge for self-efficacy
- Emotionally literate individuals
- Exploration skills looking for their own answers

Through our delivery, we can be confident that a focus on well-being and mental health not only enables us to provide a healthy and happy school environment for students and staff, and prepare the citizens of tomorrow with sound character and values, but also directly supports their more immediate mission: the promotion of effective learning.

## For more information:



Promotional material

Relationships, sex and health education: guides for parents

Search 'RSE FAQ' on GOV.UK

Search 'RSE Parent Guide' on GOV.UK

# Any questions or concerns:

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