

# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School



HEAD TEACHER: MRS. A. D. THORPE

CHAIR OF GOVERNORS: MRS. C. HORSLEY

Front Street, Stanley, Co. Durham. DH9 ONP

Tel: 01207 232624

E.mail: [stanleystjoseph@durhamlearning.net](mailto:stanleystjoseph@durhamlearning.net)

Website: [www.stanley-pri.durham.sch.uk](http://www.stanley-pri.durham.sch.uk)

13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

## Parent Consultation – New RSHE Curriculum

Dear Parents/Carers,

In the academic year 2020/21, Relationships Education and Health Education has become statutory in all primary schools in England. This new subject will build on the non-statutory lessons we have previously taught in RSE.

As a Catholic school, our mission is to support the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of all of our pupils, rooted in the wisdom and teaching of the Church. The education of children in human sexuality is an important, precious and privileged responsibility. The Church teaches us that this is very much a partnership with parents, in which parents are the 'first educators' of their children on these matters; ultimately, you confer on us the right to co-educate your children with you.

We have been researching various programmes that are available and have decided to adopt **Life to the Full** 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.

Life to the Full has been approved by our diocese in Hexham and Newcastle. Furthermore, Ten Ten have entered into a partnership with the Catholic Education Service and the Department for Education to provide training for teachers in Catholic schools on the subject of the new legal and statutory curriculum. Therefore, we are confident that this programme is a very good fit for our school.

Through their programme, Ten Ten understand the foundational role that parents have in educating and nurturing their children on these matters. Within the programme, they have built in resources which will not only keep you informed about what is being taught in school, but will also give you the opportunity to engage your children in discussion, activity and prayer.

We welcome any feedback you would like to offer and to this end, we have opened a two-week parental consultation period from Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020. An online downloadable form is available on the school website, please feel free to complete it and send a copy back via email [stanleystjoseph@durhamlearning.net](mailto:stanleystjoseph@durhamlearning.net)



# St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School



HEAD TEACHER: MRS. A. D. THORPE

CHAIR OF GOVERNORS: MRS. C. HORSLEY

Front Street, Stanley, Co. Durham. DH9 0NP

Tel: 01207 232624

E.mail: [stanleystjoseph@durhamlearning.net](mailto:stanleystjoseph@durhamlearning.net)

Website: [www.stanley-pri.durham.sch.uk](http://www.stanley-pri.durham.sch.uk)

Ten Ten have provided an online **Parent Consultation Tool**. This is a simple-to-follow, short online course which:

- Outlines the legal and 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 school will make, in line with the new law.
- Answers some Frequently Asked Questions.

Ten Ten have also provided an **Online Parent Portal** which will be a tool we can use throughout the year to keep you informed and updated about the work we are doing in school.

To take part in the consultation, please do the following:

- Access the Parent Consultation Tool here: [www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-consultation-primary](http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-consultation-primary)
- You will need the following login credentials for our school:  
Username: st-joseph-dh9  
Password: wood-9
- Undertake the Parent Consultation course provided.
- You can complete the questionnaire if you would like to – a copy is on the school website
- Please send us your questionnaire feedback by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020  
[stanleystjoseph@durhamlearning.net](mailto:stanleystjoseph@durhamlearning.net)

It would be anticipated that this would start to be taught after Easter 2021, across School, and that the older children would start to be taught the younger children's content first so as to not overwhelm them. We are sensitive to every child's needs in school and whilst implementing this programme, all pupils will be considered. We hope that our approach not only assures you about the new subject we are going to undertake following a change in the law; but we also hope that this will be an important and exciting opportunity for our entire school community.

Best wishes,

Mrs A D Thorpe  
Headteacher

Mrs C Horsley  
Chair of Governors

