

RSE Parent Consultation : Summary of Responses

Thank you to all of you who responded to the RSE Parent Consultation. Below is a summary of responses:

Q1: I understand what my child will be taught and when.

80% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with this.

Q2: I am comfortable with the Catholic ethos of the programme.

65% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with this. 25% neither agreed nor disagreed.

Q3: I trust my school's judgement on delivering this programme.

75% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with this.

Q4: I feel that my child will need additional support in understanding some of this content.

22.5% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with this.

Q5: I understand and accept that my role is the 'first educator' of my child on matters related to teaching human sexuality.

92.5% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with this.

Q6: I would value further support from school about how to talk to my child about sensitive issues.

22.5% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with this.

Q7: I approve of my child learning the names of external genitalia in KS1.

82.5% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with this.

Q8: I think Y4 is a good time to start learning about physical changes during puberty.

65% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with this. 12.5% neither agreed nor disagreed.

Q9: I am happy for my child to be taught about sexual intimacy in Y6, in a way that is respectful of Catholic beliefs.

65% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with this. 17% neither agreed nor disagreed.

Q10: I think it is important that pornography is covered from an internet safety perspective in Y6.

70% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with this. 12.5% neither agreed nor disagreed

Q11: Any further comments.

The main theme coming through some of the additional comments was a concern that teaching through a Catholic lens would somehow 'dilute' important messages or avoid certain issues altogether eg. same sex relationships.

In response to these concerns we would like to assure you that our school is an inclusive community where pupils are taught that relationships take many forms and that diversity, including LGBTQ relationships, must be accepted and respected. Pupils know that families may be made up in many ways and that love and care are the most important values. It is important to us that pupils feel that they can ask questions and that they receive age-appropriate, open and unambiguous answers. By doing this successfully and in partnership with parents and carers, we aim to eradicate discrimination and deepen understanding of human relationships. We also seek to empower pupils to confidently seek further knowledge as they grow, change and slowly take their place in the adult world.