



St Mary & St Michael
Catholic Primary School
Sutton Street Commercial Road E1 0BD

Learning together hand in hand with our friend Jesus.

12th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Consultation on Relationship and Sex Education (RSE)

The Governors of St Mary and St Michael Catholic Primary School are seeking to update our Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) scheme of work from the current scheme "Christopher Winter" to a new revised scheme of "A Journey in Love" and invite views from parents on the new scheme of work before a decision is made as to whether it is adopted. All the Catholic Primary Schools in Tower Hamlets are proposing to use this scheme.

"A Journey in Love" has been written as a progressive scheme of work that supports our updated schemes of work for RE and PSHE. The revised "A Journey of Love" focuses on friendship, family, community, relationships and spirituality and will support the children's development as young Catholics in the 21st century.

The content of the scheme of work is age appropriate and will be taught with sensitivity taking into account the children's level of maturity in regard to the delivery of lessons.

"A Journey in Love" guide for parents is attached and can be found on the website. Teaching materials are also available to view in school. Please contact the school office.

Comments from parents on our proposals are welcome. Please e-mail your comments to rse@sm-sm.co.uk. The consultation period will run from 12th January to 5th February 2021.

Parents cannot opt-out of new statutory relationships education in primary schools. For of this reason, we are asking all parents look at the Journey In Love RSE programme as part of a consultation process.

'From September 2020, it is a statutory requirement that all schools in England and Wales are teaching Relationship and Sex Education as a fundamental part of the curriculum.

As part of implementing the RSE curriculum, schools must consult with the children, parents, staff and governors to ensure there is a general consensus on our approaches to policy and the curriculum content.'

Yours sincerely,

R. E. Mahon

Headteacher