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Dear Families,

Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE): Journey in Love

As you know, each year in school we follow the Journey in Love programme to teach Relationships, Sex and Health Education. Journey in love is a catholic programme approved by the Archdiocese of Liverpool. We will begin teaching and following this programme in the coming weeks and will continue throughout the school year.

Journey in Love teaches us that we are all made in the image and likeness of God and, consequently, gender and sexuality are God's gift, reflecting his beauty and sharing in divine creativity. In order that children may grow and flourish healthily and holistically towards an understanding of their gender and its implications for successful relationships, they must be at ease with themselves and deepen their self-knowledge.

Through Journey in Love, the children are encouraged to marvel at the wonder and beauty of God's creative love. This is reflected in each stage of a person's growth in the primary years through a series of progressive and developmental tasks and reflections that focus on social, emotional, physical, and spiritual development.

The topic and themes taught are listed below.

Early Years - The wonder of being special and unique.

Year One - We meet God's love in our family.

Year Two - We meet God's love in the community.

Year Three - How we live in hope.

Year Four - God loves us in our differences.

Year Five - God loves us in our changing and developing.

Year Six - The wonder of God's love in creating new life.

In the past, parents have had the right to withdraw their children from these sessions; however, this is no longer the case. RSHE now falls into the statutory PSHE curriculum therefore must be taught in school. However, if you are currently the parent of a Y6 child, you will have the right to withdraw your child from part of the session relating to sex education as this does not become statutory until KS3.

If you have any further questions or need any information clarifying, then please do not hesitate to contact me. I am more than happy to share information in more detail.

Kind Regards,

Miss M Smith

RE and RHSE Lead

