

**St Simon’s RSE Statement of Intent**

**Intent***Why do we teach this? Why do we teach it the way we do?*

At St Simon’s Catholic Primary School we recognise the value that a high-quality Relationships, Health and Sex Education (RHSE) curriculum can offer to our pupils.

We embrace the challenges of creating a happy and successful future adult life for all our pupils, by giving them knowledge that will enable them to make informed decisions about their wellbeing, health and relationships. We believe that each and every child is made in the image and likeness of God and should be valued as a perfect and unique human being.  As a result, we are passionate about promoting acceptance and respect for self and others.  We want children to know and value themselves; developing a strong sense of identity, self-belief and self-esteem and are able to relate to other people.

**Implementation***What do we teach? What does this look like?*

Our curriculum is shaped by our school vision, to STRIVE to be the best we can be for the Glory of God.

*At St Simon’s w*e deliver the RSE curriculum by utilising first-hand experience and sharing good practice. In consultation with parents, we use **Ten:Ten** for our R.S.E curriculum. Life to the Full is a fully resources Scheme of Work for Catholic Primary Schools, which embraces and fulfils new statutory curriculum.

It is taught with a spiral approach to learning in which pupils will revisit the same topics at an age-appropriate stage through their school life, the programme includes teaching about personal health, physical and emotional well-being, strong emotions, private parts of the body, personal relationships, family structures, trusted adults, growing bodies, puberty, periods, life cycles, the dangers of social media, where babies come from, an understanding of the Common Good and living in the wider world.

The entire teaching is underpinned with a Christian faith understanding that our deepest identity is as a child of God – created, chosen and loved by God. The programme is fully inclusive of all pupils and their families

In the academic year 2021/22, Relationships Education and Health Education will 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.  
  
Life to the Full has been approved by our diocese. 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 statutory curriculum. Therefore, we are confident that this programme is a very good fit for our school.

Our aims of teaching RSE at St Simon’s Catholic Primary School are to:

* Reflect the needs of our pupils.
* Equip pupils with a sound understanding of risk.
* Develop the knowledge and skills necessary to make safe and informed decisions.

In line with the National Curriculum, we believe that the purpose of RSE education is to build, where appropriate, on the statutory content already outlined in the national curriculum, the basic school curriculum and in statutory guidance on: drug education, financial education, citizenship, personal safety, sex and relationship education (SRE) and the importance of physical activity and diet for a healthy lifestyle**.**

Our teaching and learning:

At St Simon’s Catholic Primary School, we believe that RHSE plays a vital part of primary education and needs to be taught well. Staff ensure that full coverage of RSE (10:10 Life to the Full) is taught in their year group.

RSE is taught in three modules across the primary school from EYFS to UKS2:

Module 1: Created and Loved by God

Module 2: Created to Love Others

Module 3: Created to Live in Community

**Impact***What will this look like?*

By the time children leave St Simon’s Catholic Primary School they will:

* Live out the Gospel values and virtues such as love, peace, courage, honesty, forgiveness and justice.
* Deepen their appreciation of their faith and fulfil their God-given talents.
* Develop positive and healthy relationships with their peers both now and in the future.
* Understand the physical aspects involved in RSE at an age appropriate level.
* Have respect for themselves and others.
* Achieve age related expectations across the wider curriculum.
* Talk enthusiastically about their learning in RHSE and are eager to further their learning in the next stages of their education.
* Have experienced a wide range of learning challenges and know how to respond appropriately to them.

We hope that as children move on from St Simon’s to further their education and learning that they continue to access fundamental skills including:

* A respect for **spiritual**, cultural, diversity.
* Being **trusted** when interacting, working with others and developing relationships.
* Increased **resilience** to continue trying and improving through a process of self-reflection.
* An **inquisitive** nature to explore new things and take risks.
* Being **valued** both individually and as part of a team.
* A sense of **exceptional** achievement.