



# St John Fisher Catholic High School

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Dear Parent/Guardian

## **Sexual Health and Relationships Education (RSE)**

As part of the school's provision for Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development, your child will be required to take part in RSE education. From September 2020, RSE will become compulsory in all schools across the country. As a school, we have decided to begin implementing the key elements of the new RSE curriculum from September 2019, to ensure all pupils have the opportunity to further develop their knowledge and understanding of the issues that most affect them as young people growing up in today's world.

These sessions will be led by form tutors and external providers. RSE education will focus on developing and maintaining healthy relationships and recognising the signs of an unhealthy or abusive relationship. Additionally, your child will be given strategies for both recognising and reducing risk. There will be a focus on consent; there has to be an understanding that consent must be freely given and that being pressurised, persuaded or coerced to agree to something is not and can never be consent.

Your child will be provided with factual information about different forms of contraception including natural methods and abstinence. They will learn about the range, nature, symptoms and treatments of some sexually transmitted infections. All sessions are age appropriate and your child will be taught in their form group. All sessions are respectful of Catholic teachings and have been formally approved by Liverpool Archdiocese Christian Education Department.

If you have any concerns, or would like any more information about the sessions your child will be participating in, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. More information can be found on the **Gov.uk website**. The school's RSE policy can be accessed via the parent section of the school website.

Yours sincerely

Mr Burke  
SMSC Coordinator