



ST VINCENT'S SCHOOL

A Specialist School for Sensory Impairment and Other Needs

Dear Parent/ Guardian

On June 25th 2019, the Department for Education issued new guidelines on Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education. From September 2020 all schools will be required to teach Relationships and Sex Education (RSE).

At St. Vincent's we consider it part of our mission, as a Catholic school, to educate the whole person. We see RSE as part of a holistic education which seeks to form as well as inform young people in preparation for adult life. Catholic schools are required to deliver RSE in accordance with DFE guidance and in accordance with the teaching of the Church.

All schools must have a written policy for RSE and this should take account of pupils needs. RSE must be accessible to all pupils and we are aware that pupils with special educational needs and disabilities may be more vulnerable to exploitation, bullying and other issues due to the nature of their SEND.

Parents and guardians are the primary educators of their children. Therefore we would like to invite you to be involved, from the start, in our process of drawing up a policy to govern how RSE will be delivered at St. Vincent's. To this end we are inviting all parents and guardians to a consultation meeting on Wednesday 18th December 1.00 pm or Wednesday 18th December 6.00 pm. Please return reply slip back to school no later than **Friday 25th October 2019**.

We hope you will be able to attend. If you cannot attend but would like your views to be heard or questions answered, please get in touch with school.

Yours sincerely

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