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## **Dear Parents**

I am writing to update you with regards the implementation of Relationships and Sex and Health Education (RSE). As a school, we had been preparing for its full implementation for September 2020, by adopting the Catholic Diocese for East Anglia's Model Policy and also by doing an extensive mapping of Relationship and Sex and Health Education across our curriculum. Both of these documents are available on our website.

However, due to the Covide-19 Lockdown we have been unable to complete our final plans for implementation of RSE, which included, consultation with parents who we recognise are the first teachers of their children, training of staff and planning our curriculum provision.

Fortunately, the Department of Education, has recognised the impact Covid-19 has had on schools in terms of implementation of RSE and delayed the full teaching of RSE until September 2021. Our aim as a school is to provide a programme of RSE which is rooted in the Catholic Church's teaching of the human person and presented in a positive framework of Christian ideals which recognises that we are made in the image and likeness of God which underpins the whole approach to education in our school which is to "Live life to the full".

Obviously, from September 2020 we will be providing RSE across our curriculum as demonstrated by our mapping document, however, once we have been able to establish some normality and routine back into school we will start to plan and consult parents on our principles and curriculum for RSE as well as complete our training with staff and completion of planning of the curriculum.

Yours faithfully

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Deputy Headteacher

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