

RSE Curriculum Statement

A Journey In Love

The Governors at St. Oswald's Catholic Primary School have adopted 'A Journey in Love' programme to support the statutory Relationships and Sex Education in all year groups (Reception to Year 6). The programme of study is authentic to the teaching of the Catholic Church and has been recommended by the Liverpool Archdiocese. It is designed to create the best possible learning environment for the children: an environment where trust and respect are promoted. This contributes significantly to the development of good behaviour, ownership and responsibility.

The programme covers:

- Reception: God loves each of us in our uniqueness
- Year 1: We meet God's love in our family
- Year 2: We meet God's love in our community
- Year 3: How we live in love
- Year 4: God loves us in our differences
- Year 5: God loves me in my changing and development
- Year 6: The wonder of God's love in creating new life

At the foundations of the programme is the belief that we are all made in the image and likeness of God, and as a consequence, gender and sexuality are God's gift, reflect God's beauty and share in divine creativity. In order that children may grow and develop healthily and holistically towards an understanding of their gender and its implications for successful relationships, they must be at ease with themselves and grow in self-knowledge.

An aspect of the mystery of love is treated in an age appropriate way for each year group; children and young people 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 suggested, progressive and developmental tasks, activities and reflections which focus on physical, social, emotional, intellectual and spiritual development

Curriculum RSE statement, policy and curriculum content is available on the school website. As parents/carers, you have the right to withdraw your child from this aspect of the curriculum. However, you do not have the right to withdraw your child from the aspects that fall within the science curriculum which is statutory for all children.

If you require any further clarification regarding our Relationships and Sex Education Policy, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher in the first instance.