

ST MARIE'S SCHOOL

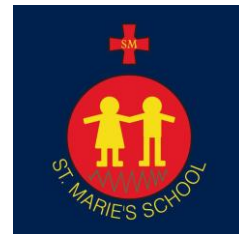
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Consultation on our Draft Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Policy

At St Marie's Catholic Primary School, we believe that parents and carers are the first and most important educators of their children. We greatly value the partnership between home and school and are inviting you to take part in a consultation on our updated Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Policy.

The Department for Education has published updated statutory guidance for Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE), which all primary schools are required to implement from September 2026. As a Catholic school, we have reviewed our policy to ensure it reflects both the new statutory guidance and the teachings and values of the Catholic Church.

The updated policy also reflects our continued commitment to safeguarding, personal development and preparing children to build healthy, respectful relationships.

Our Curriculum

Relationships and Sex Education at St Marie's is rooted in our mission statement, Jesus is always my friend, and is designed to help children:

- understand that every person is created in the image and likeness of God;
- develop healthy, respectful relationships;
- recognise their own dignity and the dignity of others;
- understand how to keep themselves safe, including online;
- grow in confidence, responsibility and compassion.

Our curriculum is delivered through a carefully planned programme which includes:

- Life to the Full Plus (Ten Ten Resources) as our core Catholic Relationships, Sex and Health Education programme;
- BigTalk Education – Growing Up Safe specialist sessions;
- National Curriculum Science;
- Religious Education;
- Project Evolve and the Computing curriculum, supporting online safety and digital citizenship; and
- the wider Personal Development and safeguarding curriculum.

Together these provide a progressive, age-appropriate curriculum that supports children throughout their time at St Marie's.

Consultation

We would very much welcome your views on our draft policy. The consultation will run up to Friday 31 July 2026.



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Mission Statement: 'Jesus is always my friend'.

*St Marie's School is part of St Clare Catholic Multi Academy Trust,
one of two Catholic trusts in the Diocese of Hallam.
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The following documents are available to view:

- Draft Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Policy
- Personal Development Curriculum
- Life to the Full Plus (Ten Ten) Programme Overview
- BigTalk Education – Growing Up Safe Programme Overview
- Ten Ten Parent Portal Letter (includes information on how to access the Ten Ten Parent Portal)

How to Share Your Views

Please email your comments to: headteacher@st-maries.sheffield.sch.uk by Friday 31 July 2026.

All feedback will be carefully considered before the policy is presented to the Local Academy Committee for approval and implementation from September 2026.

Thank you for taking the time to read the documents and support us in this important process. By working together, we can ensure that our Relationships and Sex Education curriculum continues to reflect our Catholic values while preparing children to flourish as confident, respectful, compassionate and responsible young people.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the curriculum further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

John Fernandes

Headteacher

St Marie's Catholic Primary School