

St. Monica's Catholic Primary School



Relationship, Sex and Health Education Policy (RSHE) 2024-2026

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At St Monica's Catholic Primary School, we aim to build up a Christian Community which develops the full spiritual, emotional, intellectual and physical potential of each and every pupil in the happy, caring, supportive, family atmosphere of a Catholic School.

'Success for all in a Christ Centred Community'

Rationale

'I have come that you might have life and have it to the full'
(Jn.10.10)

We are involved in Relationship, Sex and Education (RSE) precisely because of our Christian beliefs about God and about the human person. The belief in the unique dignity of the human person made in the image and likeness of God underpins the approach to all education in a Catholic school. Our approach to RSE therefore is rooted in the Catholic Church's teaching of the human person and presented in a positive framework of Christian ideals.

At the heart of the Christian life is the Trinity; Father, Son and Spirit in communion, united in a loving relationship and embracing all people and all creation. As a consequence of the Christian belief that we are made in the image and likeness of God, gender and sexuality are seen as God's gift, reflect God's beauty, and share in the divine creativity. RSE, therefore, will be placed firmly within the context of relationship as it is there that sexuality grows and develops.

Following the guidance of the Bishops of England and Wales and as advocated by the DFE (and the Welsh Assembly Government) RSE will be firmly embedded in the PSHE/RSHE framework as it is concerned with nurturing human wholeness and integral to the physical, spiritual, emotional, moral, social and intellectual development of pupils. It is centred on Christ's vision of being human as good news and will be

positive and prudent, showing the potential for development, while enabling the dangers and risks involved to be understood and appreciated.

All Relationship, Sex and Health Education RSHE will be in accordance with the Church's moral teaching. It will emphasise the central importance of marriage and the family whilst acknowledging that all pupils have a fundamental right to have their life respected whatever household they come from. It will also prepare pupils for life in modern Britain.

Aims of Relationship, Health and Sex Education (RSHE)

St. Monica's Catholic Primary School aims to provide a suitable programme that follows the statutory need to include RSHE into their curriculum from September 2020 which meets the ethos of its Catholic identity and mission.

The purpose of this Relationship, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) policy is to set out the ways in which the school's provision supports pupils through their spiritual, moral, social, emotional and physical development, and prepares them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of life growing up in today's world.

Our School's mission embraces the spiritual, physical, intellectual, emotional, moral and social development of children and young people, and through an agreed approach to Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) using the Archdiocesan recommended resource 'Journey In Love' 2020 we believe that we can promote the development of the whole child, so that children can grow in *virtue, wisdom and stature*, understanding both the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing spiritually, as well as moral aspects of relationships within a context of a Christian vision for the purpose of life. Here at St. Monica's Catholic Primary School, we want:

- To encourage pupils' growth in self respect, acknowledging we are all created in the image and likeness of God.

- To help pupils develop an understanding that love is the central basis of relationships.
- To help pupils to understand the nature of relationships and to encourage them to reflect on their own relationships and respect differences between people.
- To develop pupils' confidence in talking, listening and thinking about feelings and relationships.
- To help pupils acquire the skills necessary to develop and sustain relationships
- To offer sex education in the wider context of relationships.
- To ensure that pupils protect themselves and ask for help and support when needed.
- To ensure that pupils are prepared for puberty.
- To help pupils to develop a healthier, safer lifestyle.
- To prepare pupils to play an active role as citizens and to understand the Catholic vision of what it means to be citizens of the Kingdom/reign of God.

See appendices at end of document which incorporates **Come and See**, DFE Statutory Relationships and Statutory Science.

The Purpose

The aims of Relationship, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) at St. Monica's Catholic Primary School are to:

- Provide a framework in which sensitive discussions can take place.

- Help pupils develop feelings of dignity, self-worth, self-respect, confidence and empathy.
- Prepare pupils for puberty and give them an understanding of sexual development and the importance of health and hygiene.
- Create a positive culture around issues of sexuality and relationships.
- Teach pupils the correct vocabulary to describe themselves and their bodies.

Statutory Requirements

At St. Monica's Catholic Primary School, we must provide Relationships Education to all pupils as per section 34 of the Children and Social work act 2017.

In teaching Relationship and Sex Education, we must have regard to Catholic Education Service guidance issued by the Bishops Conference of England and Wales 2017.

The statutory guidance from the Department for Education issued under Section 80A of the Education Act 2002 and section 403 of the Education Act 1996 Appendix A

The statutory guidance from the Department for Education Equality Act 2010.

Policy Development

This policy has been developed in consultation with staff, pupils and parents. The consultation and policy development process involved the following steps:

1. Review – RSHE staff, headteacher including relevant national and local guidance
2. Staff consultation – all school staff were given the opportunity to look at the policy and make recommendations.

3. Parent/stakeholder consultation – parents and any interested parties including the Diocesan adviser/schools’ officers were invited to attend meetings about the policy.
4. Pupil consultation – we investigated what exactly pupils want from their Relationship Sex and Health Education.
5. Ratification – once amendments were made, the policy was shared with governors and ratified.

Definition

Relationship, Sex and Health Education involves a combination of sharing information, and exploring issues underpinned by our Catholic values.

Relationship Sex and Health Education is about the emotional, social and cultural development of pupils, and involves learning about personal relationships, sexual health, sexuality, healthy lifestyles, diversity and personal identity.

Curriculum

We have developed our curriculum with recommendations from the Archdiocesan Education Department to ensure that they meet with Catholic Church teaching.

After consultation with parents Relationship Sex Education will be covered using the Archdiocesan recommended resource ‘Journey In Love’ 2020 this includes *sexual intercourse at Year 6. (See right of withdrawal). Primary Sex education will focus on preparing boys and girls for the changes that adolescence brings (Year 5) and how a baby is conceived and born (Year 6).

We have considered the age, stage and feelings of pupils and have consulted with parents and staff to ensure we are offering a quality curriculum which is adequately catered to meet their needs.

Our Relationships and Sex Education curriculum is set out within our RSE Curriculum map. It follows the DfE guidance for Relationships Education. Other aspects of health education are explored within PSHE. We have developed the curriculum in consultation with parents, pupils, and staff, considering the age, needs and feelings of pupils alongside considering the

local ward data. If the children ask questions outside the scope of this policy teachers will respond in appropriate manner so that the children are fully informed and don't seek answers online.

Delivery of Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE)

Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) is taught both discretely and within the Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) curriculum lessons. Some aspects of the RSHE curriculum may be touched upon in other lessons as it shares links with Religious Education, Science and Physical Education.

Our RSHE will ensure that content is relevant to the age, experience, and maturity of pupils.

The new statutory guidance for Relationships education focuses on teaching the fundamental building blocks and characteristics of positive relationships including:

- Families and people who care for me.
- Caring friendships.
- Respectful relationships.
- Online relationships.
- Being safe.

These areas of learning are taught within the context of 'family life' and could include married or single parent families, same sex parents, families headed by grandparents, adoptive parents, foster parents/carers amongst other structures, along with reflecting sensitively that some children may have a support structure around them (for example: looked after children or young carers).

As a school, we promote equality of opportunity and foster good relations. Our school environment uniformly applies values of inclusion and respect

to all pupils and their families. All staff are proactive in promoting positive relationships and receive regular training.

Equal Opportunities

All pupils have access to the RSHE curriculum. Where pupils have specific educational needs, arrangements for support from outside agencies and support staff are made to ensure these pupils have an appropriate, differentiated curriculum.

Roles and Responsibility

The Governing Body

The governing body will approve the RSHE policy and hold the headteacher to account for its implementation.

The Headteacher

The headteacher is responsible for ensuring that RSHE is taught consistently across the school and for managing requests to withdraw pupils from the non-statutory element of Relationship and Sex Education in Year 6* (see right of withdrawal)

Staff

Staff do not have the right to opt out of teaching RSHE as this forms part of the Teaching Standards. Any staff who have concerns about teaching RSHE are encouraged to discuss this with the headteacher.

Staff are responsible for:

- Delivering RSHE in a sensitive way which complies with Church teaching.
- Modelling positive attitudes to RSHE.
- Monitoring progress.

- Responding to the needs of individual pupils.
- Responding appropriately to pupils whose parents wish them to be withdrawn from the non-statutory components of RSE.

Pupils

Pupils are expected to engage fully in RSHE and, when discussing issues related to RSHE, treat others with dignity, respect, and sensitivity.

Parents' right to withdraw

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from the non-statutory component of sex education in Year 6. This is where sexual intercourse is taught discretely as part of the Physical aspect within Journey In Love the Archdiocesan recommended resource.

Requests for withdrawal should be made in writing and addressed to the headteacher. The headteacher will discuss the request with parents and take appropriate action.

Alternative work will be given to pupils who are withdrawn from RSE.

Parents do not have the right to withdraw their children from Statutory Relationships Education as set out in the DFE guidance 2020.

Monitoring arrangements

The delivery of RSHE is monitored by the RSHE Coordinator and SLT members by undertaking learning walks, staff, and pupil consultations, planning and work scrutinies and questionnaires.

Pupils' development in RSE is monitored by class teachers as part of our internal informal assessment systems.

This policy will be agreed annually by the governors and reviewed every three years.

Resources

- The PSHE Association www.pshe-association.org.uk
- Jigsaw, the mindful approach to PSHE
<https://www.jigsawpshe.com/home>
- Journey in Love 2020
- **CEOP – National Crime Agency Command** www.thinkuknow.co.uk
- Derby Ward Profile (sefton.gov.uk)
- The Underwear PANTS Rule www.nspcc.org.uk
- Come and See
- All are Welcome: Teaching the Equality Act in Primary Schools by Andrew Moffat.
- Plus other resources as they become available/relevant such as E-Safety materials – NSPCC.

Appendix 1

Primary Relationships Education Statutory Learning Opportunities

Families and people who care for me

That families are important for children growing up because they can give love, security, and stability.	All year groups (PSHE, RE, Journey in Love).
The characteristics of healthy family life, commitment to each other, including in times of difficulty, protection and care for children and other family members, the importance of spending time together and sharing each other's lives.	All year groups (PSHE, RE, Journey in Love).
That others' families, either in school or in the wider world, sometimes look different from their family, but that they should respect those differences and know that other children's families are also characterised by love and care.	All year groups (PSHE, RE, Journey in Love).
That stable, caring relationships, which may be of different types, are at the heart of happy families, and are important for children's security as they grow up.	All year groups (PSHE, RE, Journey in Love).
That marriage represents a formal and legally recognised commitment of two people to each other which is intended to be lifelong.	Year 5 and Year 6 (RE and Journey in Love).
How to recognise if family relationships are making them feel unhappy or unsafe, and how to seek help or advice from others if needed.	All year groups (PSHE, RE, Journey in Love).

Caring friendships

How important friendships are in making us feel happy and secure, and how people choose and make friends.	All year groups (PSHE, RE, Journey in Love).
The characteristics of friendships, including mutual respect, truthfulness, trustworthiness, loyalty, kindness, generosity, trust, sharing interests and experiences and support with problems and difficulties.	All year groups (PSHE, RE, Journey in Love, All are welcome, Gospel Values, British Values).
That healthy friendships are positive and welcoming towards others, and do not make others feel lonely or excluded.	All year groups (PSHE, RE, Journey in Love, All are welcome, Gospel Values, British Values).
That most friendships have ups and downs, and that these can often be worked through so that the friendship is repaired or even strengthened, and that resorting to violence is never right.	All year groups (PSHE, RE, Journey in Love, All are welcome, Gospel Values, British Values).
How to recognise who to trust and who not to trust, how to judge when a friendship is making them feel unhappy or uncomfortable, managing conflict, how to manage these situations and how to seek help or advice from others, if needed.	All year groups (PSHE, RE, Journey in Love, All are welcome, Gospel Values, British Values).

Respectful relationships

The importance of respecting others, even when they are very	All year groups (PSHE, RE, Journey in Love).
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different from them (for example, physically, in character, personality or backgrounds), or make different choices or have different preferences or beliefs.	
Practical steps they can take in a range of different contexts to improve or support respectful relationships.	All year groups (PSHE, RE, Journey in Love).
The conventions of courtesy and manners.	All year groups (PSHE, RE, Journey in Love).
The importance of self-respect and how this links to their own happiness.	All year groups (PSHE, RE, Journey in Love).
That in school and in wider society they can expect to be treated with respect by others, and that in turn they should show due respect to others, including those in positions of authority.	All year groups (PSHE, RE, Journey in Love).
About different types of bullying (including cyberbullying), the impact of bullying, responsibilities of bystanders (primarily reporting bullying to an adult) and how to get help.	All year groups (PSHE, RE, Journey in Love).
What a stereotype is, and how stereotypes can be unfair, negative, or destructive.	All year groups (PSHE, RE, Journey in Love).
The importance of permission-seeking and giving in relationships with friends, peers, and adults.	All year groups (PSHE, RE, Journey in Love, All are welcome, Gospel Values, British Values, Computing – online safety).

Online relationships

That people sometimes behave differently online, including by pretending to be someone they are not.	All year groups (PSHE, Computing – online safety).
That the same principles apply to online relationships as to face-to-face relationships, including the importance of respect for others online including when we are anonymous.	All year groups (PSHE, Computing – online safety).
The rules and principles for keeping safe online, how to recognise risks, harmful content, and contact, and how to report them.	All year groups (PSHE, Computing – online safety).
How to critically consider their online friendships and sources of information including awareness of the risks associated with people they have never met.	All year groups (PSHE, Computing – online safety).
How information and data is shared and used online.	All year groups (PSHE, Computing – online safety).

Being safe

What sorts of boundaries are appropriate in friendships with	All year groups (PSHE, RE, Journey in Love, All are welcome, Gospel
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peers and others (including in a digital context).	values, British Values, Computing – online safety).
About the concept of privacy and the implications of it for both children and adults; including that it is not always right to keep secrets if they relate to being safe.	All year groups (PSHE, RE, Journey in Love, All are welcome, Gospel values, British Values, Computing – online safety).
That each person's body belongs to them, and the differences between appropriate and inappropriate or unsafe physical, and other, contact.	All year groups (PSHE, RE, Journey in Love, All are welcome, Gospel values, British Values, Computing – online safety).
How to respond safely and appropriately to adults they may encounter (in all contexts, including online) whom they do not know.	All year groups (PSHE, RE, Journey in Love, All are welcome, Gospel values, British Values, Computing – online safety).
How to recognise and report feelings of being unsafe or feeling bad about any adult.	All year groups (PSHE, RE, Journey in Love, All are welcome, Gospel values, British Values, Computing – online safety).
How to ask for advice or help for themselves or others, and to keep trying until they are heard.	All year groups (PSHE, RE, Journey in Love, All are welcome, Gospel values, British Values, Computing – online safety).
How to report concerns or abuse, and the vocabulary and confidence needed to do so.	All year groups (PSHE, RE, Journey in Love, All are welcome, Gospel values, British Values, Computing – online safety).
Where to get advice from e.g., family, school and/or other sources.	All year groups (PSHE, RE, Journey in Love, All are welcome, Gospel values, British Values, Computing – online safety).

Mental wellbeing

That mental wellbeing is a normal part of daily life, in the same way as physical health.	All year groups (PSHE, RE, Journey in Love).
That there is a normal range of emotions (e.g., happiness, sadness, anger, fear, surprise, nervousness) and scale of emotions that all humans experience in relation to different experiences and situations.	All year groups (PSHE, RE, Journey in Love).
How to recognise and talk about their emotions, including having a varied vocabulary of words to use when talking about their own and others' feelings.	All year groups (PSHE, RE, Journey in Love).
How to judge whether what they are feeling and how they are behaving is appropriate and proportionate.	All year groups (PSHE, RE, Journey in Love).
The benefits of physical exercise, time outdoors, community participation, voluntary and service-based activity on mental wellbeing and happiness.	All year groups (PSHE, RE, Journey in Love).
Simple self-care techniques, including the importance of rest, time spent with friends and family and the benefits of hobbies and interests.	All year groups (PSHE, RE, Journey in Love).
Isolation and loneliness can affect children and that it is very important for children to discuss	All year groups (PSHE, RE, Journey in Love).

their feelings with an adult and seek support.	
That bullying (including cyberbullying) has a negative and often lasting impact on mental wellbeing.	All year groups (PSHE, RE, Journey in Love).
Where and how to seek support (including recognising the triggers for seeking support), including who in school they should speak to if they are worried about their own or someone else's mental wellbeing or ability to control their emotions (including issues arising online).	All year groups (PSHE, RE, Journey in Love).
It is common for people to experience mental ill health. For many people who do, the problems can be resolved if the right support is made available, especially if accessed early enough.	All year groups (PSHE, RE, Journey in Love).

Internet safety and harms

That for most people the internet is an integral part of life and has many benefits.	All year groups (PSHE, Computing – online safety).
About the benefits of rationing time spent online, the risks of excessive time spent on electronic	All year groups (PSHE, Computing – online safety).

devices and the impact of positive and negative content online on their own and others' mental and physical wellbeing.	
How to consider the effect of their online actions on others and know how to recognise and display respectful behaviour online and the importance of keeping personal information private.	All year groups (PSHE, Computing – online safety).
Why social media, some computer games and online gaming, for example, are age restricted.	All year groups (PSHE, Computing – online safety).
That the internet can also be a negative place where online abuse, trolling, bullying and harassment can take place, which can have a negative impact on mental health.	All year groups (PSHE, Computing – online safety).
How to be a discerning consumer of information online including understanding that information, including that from search engines, is ranked, selected, and targeted.	All year groups (PSHE, Computing – online safety).
Where and how to report concerns and get support with issues online.	All year groups (PSHE, Computing – online safety).

Physical health and fitness

The characteristics and mental and physical benefits of an active lifestyle.	All year groups (PSHE, PE and Science).
The importance of building regular exercise into daily and weekly	All year groups (PSHE, PE and Science).

routines and how to achieve this; for example, walking or cycling to school, a daily active mile, or other forms of regular, vigorous exercise.	
The risks associated with an inactive lifestyle (including obesity).	All year groups (PSHE, PE and Science).
How and when to seek support including which adults to speak to in school if they are worried about their health.	All year groups (PSHE, PE and Science).

Healthy eating

What constitutes a healthy diet (including understanding calories and other nutritional content).	All year groups (PSHE, PE and Science).
The principles of planning and preparing a range of healthy meals.	All year groups (PSHE, PE and Science).
The characteristics of a poor diet and risks associated with unhealthy eating (including, for example, obesity and tooth decay) and other behaviours (e.g., the impact of alcohol on diet or health).	All year groups (PSHE, PE and Science).

Drugs, alcohol, and tobacco

The facts about legal and illegal harmful substances and associated	All year groups (PSHE and Science).
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risks, including smoking, alcohol use and drug-taking.	
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Health and prevention

How to recognise early signs of physical illness, such as weight loss, or unexplained changes to the body.	All year groups (PSHE and Science).
About safe and unsafe exposure to the sun, and how to reduce the risk of sun damage, including skin cancer.	All year groups (PSHE and Science).
The importance of sufficient good quality sleep for good health and that a lack of sleep can affect weight, mood, and ability to learn.	All year groups (PSHE and Science).
About dental health and the benefits of good oral hygiene and dental flossing, including regular check-ups at the dentist.	All year groups (PSHE and Science).
About personal hygiene and germs including bacteria, viruses, how they are spread and treated, and the importance of handwashing.	All year groups (PSHE and Science).

Basic first aid

How to make a clear and efficient call to emergency services if necessary.	All year groups (PSHE).
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Concepts of basic first aid, for example dealing with common injuries, including head injuries.	All year groups (PSHE).
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Changing adolescent body

Key facts about puberty and the changing adolescent body, particularly from age 9 through to age 11, including physical and emotional changes.	Year 5 and 6 (A Journey in Love, Science and PSHE).
About menstrual wellbeing including the key facts about the menstrual cycle.	Year 5 and 6 (A Journey in Love, Science and PSHE).

Appendix 2

Come and See and
Relationship and Sex Education



Introduction

The following is intended as a guide for linking Relationship and Sex Education with Come and See. Some of these aspects might be covered in the EXPLORE section where the topic is being introduced, starting with the pupil's own experience, and extending into the REVEAL and RESPOND sections. Some ideas may be used in the REVEAL process where the teaching is explicitly concerned with Scripture and the teaching of the Church. Some topics offer more explicit teaching to develop ideas about Relationship and Sex Education, some less so.

Another way of using this section is when teaching Religious Education which occurs in other aspects of the curriculum e.g., Science, P.E, PSHE etc.

EARLY YEARS		
MYSELF	God knows and loves each one	Each one's name is important I am special and have a special name ● I have a family name ● Everyone is precious to God

WELCOME	Baptism a welcome to God's family	• How we are made to feel welcome • How do we show others that they are welcomed? • How is a baby welcomed into a family
BIRTHDAY	Looking forward to Jesus' birthday	• Why do we celebrate birthdays? • What a birthday is • What people do while they wait for a birthday • Some of the ways birthdays are celebrated
CELEBRATING	People celebrate in church	• Why is celebrating important? • What is good about celebrating together? • What a celebration is

		• Different elements of celebration • Different ways of celebrating
GATHERING	The parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist	• Why do we gather together? • How we gather as a church/parish family • What are the things that are better done together and why • The importance of gathering
GROWING	Looking forward to Easter	• The ways in which we grow • That spring is a time when things begin to grow • The ways in which we can grow in love to be more like Jesus

GOOD NEWS	Passing on the Good News of Jesus	• How they and others feel when they have good news. • The joy and happiness the good news brings • That everyone has good news to share
FRIENDS	Friends of Jesus	• How friends make us feel happy, comfortable, and glad • What breaks and mends friendships • It is good to have friends • How we can change and say sorry and forgive each other
OUR WORLD	God's wonderful world	• How wonderful our world is • How we could make God's world even more wonderful

		• What would happen if we did not look after our world? • What we love about our world. • What fills us with wonder about our world. • Everyone shares God's world. • How we would feel if we did not work together to share God's world.
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YEAR 1		
FAMILIES	God's love and care for every family	How families show love and care for each other. God's love and care for them and their families. How God shows love and care for

		individuals, families and all of creation
BELONGING	Baptism an invitation to belong to God's family	What it feels like to belong The experience of belonging to their family and the Church family How are babies welcomed into the Church family.? Parents are blessed
WAITING	Advent a time to look forward to Christmas	How we feel when we are waiting Why waiting can be difficult at times Others may help us as we wait We can help others.
SPECIAL PEOPLE	People in the parish family	Special people help us What makes a person special

		How we can love and serve each other There are people who do special jobs at Mass when the parish family gathers Some of ways in which these people help
MEALS	Mass; Jesus' special meal	What is important for a happy meal What makes a family meal special. Preparation for a meal. How we love and serve Jesus How it is good to say thank you for our meals
CHANGE	Lent a time for change	How the seasons change The ways we change and grow in love and kindness

		How we can change and make a new start in Lent
HOLIDAYS AND HOLYDAYS	Pentecost: the feast of the Holy Spirit	Why are holidays different from ordinary days What makes holidays happy times How holidays are times to relax and do something different We should thank God for holidays and our wonderful world
BEING SORRY	God helps us to choose well	Making choices that help us feel happy Making choices that make us feel unhappy What helps us to make good choices How would it be if everyone followed

		Jesus' new rule to 'love one another'. Sometimes it's hard to say sorry and to forgive. It is good to say sorry The end of the day is a good time to reflect on the choices made and to ask God's forgiveness
NEIGHBOURS	Neighbours share God's world	Who is our neighbour? What makes a good neighbour How we can be a good neighbour What happens if someone is not a good neighbour

YEAR 2		
BEGINNINGS	God is present in every beginning	How you feel when you begin anything new

		Why some beginnings and easy and some are difficult How we begin our day How each day is a new beginning. God cares for everyone. God being present in all new beginnings
SIGNS & SYMBOLS	Signs and symbols used in Baptism	The meaning and importance of some symbols in life The power of symbols to convey meaning Some of the signs and symbols in daily life
PREPARING	Advent; preparing to celebrate Christmas	Why is it necessary to prepare? What would happen if you didn't prepare?

		How you feel when you are preparing for special times What is the best way to prepare for Jesus' coming?
BOOKS	The books used in Church	The importance of books in our lives The need for books How books can help us
THANKSGIVING	Mass a special time for saying thank you to God for everything, especially Jesus	How you feel when you thank others How you feel when you are thanked Why we thank God our Father How the parish family can spread the message of thanksgiving and peace.

OPPORTUNITIES	Lent an opportunity to start anew in order to celebrate Jesus' new life	How each day offers opportunities for good What helps a person choose well The opportunity of Lent offers a new start.
SPREAD THE WORD	Pentecost a time to spread the Good News	The importance of messages in daily life The responsibility of passing on messages The new life of Jesus How the Holy Spirit helps Christians Jesus has promised us new life
RULES	Reasons for rules in the Christian family	The importance for us and others of keeping rules.

		How rules are necessary in life How it is sometimes hard to say sorry How it is sometimes hard to forgive others The good feeling when people make up The difference between doing something accidentally and on purpose The importance and helpfulness of examining your conscience every day A sorry prayer
TREASURES	God's treasure; the world	What we treasure What treasures do we share?

		We are God's treasure How we thank God for the treasures of our world How we should treat the treasures of this earth
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Year 3		
HOMES	God's vision for every family	What makes a house a home What makes home a special place for you Why is family important? The respect of parents and children for one another What do you like to do at home, on your own and as a family? What do people do for you at home, that makes you feel special?

		What is sometimes difficult about sharing and being part of a group at home God's dream for every family God is always there
PROMISES	The meaning of the commitment and promises made at Baptism	What is good about being in a group Why we have rules The importance of making promises How some promises are more difficult to keep than others The link between the promises made the consequences of actions following the promise The role of parents and godparents in bringing

		up the child in the Faith What it means to live a child of the Light
VISITORS	The coming of Jesus	How we welcome visitors How we feel as a visitor The importance of preparing for visitors. The joys and demands of visitors
JOURNEYS	Christian family's journey with Jesus	Each year has its special times and seasons Life is a journey Who is with you on the journey What makes it good Difficult times in life's journey

		What/who helps How we help one another on the journey
LISTENING & SHARING	Jesus gives himself to us in a special way	The cost of sharing The joys of sharing The importance of listening well and sharing The joys and difficulties of listening and sharing How feelings affect our own and others desire to listen and to share
GIVING ALL	Lent a time to remember Jesus' total giving	Why people are brave and give themselves to others The demands of total giving in terms of time and giving up something you want to do How people give themselves to others

		Those in need and how we might help them. Lent is an opportunity for giving, growing in goodness Jesus' total giving
ENERGY	Gifts of the Holy Spirit	The energy of wind and of fire The best use of power of wind and fire The inspiration of the Holy Spirit The power and energy of the Holy Spirit The prayer to the Holy Spirit The gifts of the Holy Spirit Christians can use the gifts of the Holy Spirit to help others.

CHOICES	The importance of examination of conscience	The meaning of choice and consequence The importance of making good choices What helps in making good choices Consequences of choices What it means to examine your conscience How God is always forgiving
SPECIAL PLACES	Special places for Jesus and the Christian community	● How places become special ● What makes a place special? ● Special places for you and your family ● Why is our heart a special place? ● Keeping our world a special place

		Why do Christians want to keep the world a special place?
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YEAR 4		
PEOPLE	The family of God in Scripture	The importance of families Family relationships Respect for those who gave us life
CALLED	Confirmation a time to renew baptismal promises	Our response to being chosen What it feels like to be chosen Why it is difficult to make a response in some situations Giving up something else when you are chosen What help do you need to choose?

		The work of the Holy Spirit in our lives The work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of Christians What it is to live in the light of Christ The commitment of people who respond to the call of God
GIFT	God's gift of love & friendship in Jesus	What you value most about the gift of friendship What you offer others in your friendship Why the gift of love and friendship is important The joys and demands of friendship The commitment required by the gift of love and friendship
COMMUNITY	life in the local Christian community:	The meaning of <i>community</i>

	ministries in the parish	The advantages of being part of a <i>community</i> What helps to build up <i>community</i>? The demands of being part of a community Why people give time and service in helping others in their community The causes of a breakdown of a <i>community</i> How the parish community celebrates together and supports one another
GIVING & RECEIVING	Living in communion	Your experience of giving and receiving The importance of giving and receiving The joys and demands of giving and receiving Why it is important to live in communion

		Ways in which we live and grow in communion How the Eucharist challenges and enables living and growing in communion
SELF DISCIPLINE	Celebrating growth to new life	The experience of giving up something and being very disciplined for a good reason. How to be self-disciplined How self-discipline helps people to grow and make the best use of their potential Lent: the opportunity to make change and to prepare for Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday.
NEW LIFE	To hear & live the Easter message	What you do when life is difficult

		The experience of good news bringing life and happiness. How the power of the Holy Spirit helps Christians today
BUILDING BRIDGES	Admitting wrong, being reconciled with God and one another.	What makes friendships strong? How decisions about friendship are informed by beliefs and values How friendships are built How friendships may be restored when they have been broken Sin and the importance of examining of your conscience The greatest commandment, love of God and others

		The meaning of contrition and of absolution Forgiveness of others
GOD'S PEOPLE	Different saints show people what God is like.	• What makes a person do extraordinary things? • How ordinary people do extraordinary things • The qualities you admire in others • How true happiness can be found • How you can do extraordinary things

YEAR 5		
OURSELVES	Created in the image and likeness of God	Talents and qualities you admire in others Your own talents and qualities and how you use them Identify qualities in anyone else

		How talents and qualities are developed We are made in the likeness of God What being unique means God's love for us How Christians are called to live in peace How people are made in God's image and likeness might live
LIFE CHOICES	Marriage, commitment and service	The ingredients of a good friendship What fidelity means and how it applies to friendship Responsibilities friends have for one another Difficulties and joys of friendships

		What is important for friendship to thrive What it feels like to have a faithful friend Jesus' advice about relationships The importance of fidelity, loyalty and commitment in maintaining a friendship The importance of commitment and responsibility in relationship. What it means to be committed The work of Christian service The Sacrament of Marriage The symbols of the promises and the blessing of rings All are called to live in love and service
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HOPE	Advent; waiting in joyful hope for Jesus; the promised one	Your experience of waiting How people wait in different ways, for different things. Why waiting is a mystery How you can best use the time you spend waiting and what might help you What you think about when you are waiting for something exciting How you behave when you are waiting The difference between <i>hope</i> and <i>expect</i> Why people wait with hope The coming of Jesus at the end of time Advent is a time of waiting hopefully
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MISSION	Continuing Jesus' mission in the diocese. [ecumenism]	The demands and joys being dedicated in your mission Discovering your mission? What inspires people in their mission The joys and demands of engaging in a mission The reasons why people want to help others. How people carry out Jesus' mission today Jesus' prayer for unity
MEMORIAL SACRIFICE	The Eucharist; the living memorial of Jesus	• Why memories are important How it is possible to keep important memories alive

		About sacrifice in daily life
SACRIFICE	Lent a time of giving in order to celebrate the sacrifice of Jesus	How you feel when you give How you feel when you refuse to give The cost of giving How people decide whether or not to give How those decisions are informed by beliefs and values The costs or rewards of giving can be That Lent is a season of giving to prepare for the Easter
TRANSFORMATION	Celebration of the Spirit's transforming power	How people can use the energy of their minds for the good of others How people can use time and physical energy for the

		wellbeing of others and why they should How energy can transform How we can use our energy to transform ourselves • How we can use the energy from the earth's resources in a fair and sustainable way • How the power of the Holy Spirit helps Christians today
FREEDOM & RESPONSIBILITY	Commandments enable Christians to be free & responsible	What freedom parents have a right to What freedom children have a right to. What is responsible and irresponsible behaviour?

		How rules can bring freedom How people know the boundaries that their personal freedom gives them How freedom and responsibility are linked How people's perception of what their freedom allows may conflict with the expectation of others The importance of the Ten Commandments for Christians today How the Beatitudes show us a positive way of life Jesus' teaching on the greatest commandments, love of God and others
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STEWARDSHIP	The Church is called to stewardship of Creation	• What I really care about • Showing concern for what I care for • The meaning of stewardship • Understanding the wonders of God's creation • People are made in the image and likeness of God • Christians can be good stewards. • The Christian's responsibility to take care of and to be a steward of the earth • The importance of ecology
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YEAR 6		
LOVING	God who never stops loving	• What unconditional love means

		● How love is shown ● How you are loved and cared for ● What members of your family do for each other ● How you show love to others ● How people have inspired and influenced you to show unconditional love to others ● What it means to be truly loving ● How people show unconditional love to others ● The beliefs and values which have inspired and influenced you to be loving ● The scripture text that demonstrates God's unconditional love for
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		everyone even when times are hard • The challenge these passages present to Christians • The Beatitudes and their meaning for today • God's unconditional love and what this mean. • By living in God's way, as Jesus showed us, we can grow in love
VOCATION AND COMMITMENT	The vocation of priesthood and religious life	• What it means to be committed • Why are people committed? • The implications of lack of commitment • Who shows commitment? • How commitment affects the level of job satisfaction

		Responding to the call of Jesus Our mission in living out our baptismal vows
EXPECTATIONS	Jesus was born to show God to the world	● The expectations you have of yourself ● Having high expectations of others ● Trusting and believing in one another ● What happens if you let people down or others let you down? ● Patience is important in expectations ● The difference between wishing and expecting. ● The meaning of Advent
SOURCES	The Bible, the special book for the Church	● The kind of books which are the most helpful Our lives are enriched by books The wonder of books and how they

		take a person beyond themselves The presence of God in the words of Scripture The care and reverence with which the Word of God is treated
UNITY	Eucharist enables people to live in communion.	● Why friendships are important ● The most important value in friendship ● What helps a friendship to flourish ● The kinds of behaviour that break a friendship ● Those affected when a friendship is broken ● Mending broken friendships ● Becoming one with Christ and one another in Holy Communion

		• The unity which Holy Communion brings
DEATH & NEW LIFE	Celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection	• The effect of loss in everyday life • The change it brought • What remained the same • What is the best way to cope with loss • How people cope with loss and death • How death brings new life • Lent, a time to remember the suffering and death of Jesus
WITNESSES	The Holy Spirit enables people to become witnesses	• When to be a witness • How to be a witness • Why it sometimes needs courage to be a witness Examples of modern witnesses

		The witness of a local charity
HEALING	Sacrament of the Sick	Showing compassion and care for those who are ill Our attitude towards those people whose ill in their minds Helping, caring and understanding those with a learning disability • What gives a person comfort when they are very ill • Why people give time and commitment to caring for others • Why we care for the sick • The Sacrament of Anointing brings comfort to those who are sick • The Christian responsibility for caring for these in need
COMMON GOOD	Work of Christians for the good of all	• How we build a fair and just world • The difference between fairness and justice, unfairness and injustice

		Helping to promote the dignity and common good of one another Beatitudes: a guide from Jesus about how to live life. • The ways we can act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with God • How Christians can work for the common good • Something about Catholic Social Teaching
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Appendix 3

Statutory Science Curriculum

Early Years Foundation Stage children learn about life cycles. Through on-going personal, social and emotional development they develop the skills to form relationships and think about relationships with others.

In Key Stage 1 children learn:

- That animal, including humans, move, feed, grow and use their senses and reproduce
- To recognise and compare the main external parts of the bodies of humans
- That humans and animals can reproduce offspring and these grow into adults

- To recognise similarities and differences between themselves and others
- To treat others with sensitivity

In Key Stage 2 children learn:

- That the life processes common to humans and other animals including nutrition, growth and reproduction
- About the main stages of the human life cycle