St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

RSE Consultation

As you may be aware, The Department for Education has announced changes to Relationships and Sex Education (RSE). These changes came into effect in all schools in September and we are therefore obliged to comply with the updated requirements. This means that we have been in the process of reviewing our RSE curriculum and policy, so we can be sure our provision meets the Government criteria and is appropriate for our children.

At St Joseph the Worker we value the education provided by the RSE and PSHE curriculum in preparing our children for the wider world, their place in it and to be respectful, tolerant and accepting of all. The school will continue to meet its statutory responsibilities and follow the teachings and guidance of the Catholic Church, the Catholic Education Service and the Diocese of Brentwood.

As part of our commitment to working in partnership with parents, carers, staff, governors and the wider school community, we are currently consulting on our Relationships and Sex Education Policy. The Department for Education requires schools to review and consult on their Sex Education provision to ensure that it reflects the needs of pupils and the values of the school community.

We warmly invite all our parents and stakeholders to read the draft policy (attached and on our website) and share your views. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us provide an age-appropriate, inclusive and values-led curriculum that supports the wellbeing, dignity and development of every child.

The consultation period will run from 4th November 2026 to 4th December 2026. Comments and feedback can be submitted via email to admin@st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk

We thank you, as always, for your support.

Mrs Poulter

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