



# St John Fisher Catholic Primary School

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*"Love is an art to be learned.*

*It is a giving experience, a selfless act.*

*Every experience of love gives us yet another glimpse of the meaning of love in God himself.*

*Human love is the instrument we can use to explore the mystery of love which God is".*

*Cardinal Basil Hume*

Dear Parents/Carers,

As a Catholic School within the Archdiocese of Liverpool, the Governors of St John Fisher adopted 'A Journey in Love', scheme to support the non-statutory teaching of Relationships, Sex and Health Education [RSHE]. The programme is authentic to the teaching of the Catholic Church and is intended to support teachers and parents in Catholic schools to enable holistic growth of children. As the first educators, parents/ carers are the key people who will teach children about relationships. 'A Journey in Love' complements this teaching in an age-appropriate way. At the heart of this revised resource, 'A Journey in Love', is our belief that we are made in the image and likeness of God and consequently, gender and sexuality are God's gift, reflecting his beauty and sharing in divine creativity. The new scheme reflects each stage of a person's growth in the primary years through a series of progressive and developmental tasks, activities and reflections that focus on social, emotional, physical, and spiritual development.

As with all aspects of learning, children are naturally curious, and many will have questions related to their lessons. Opportunities to discuss questions form part of the lessons and again these are treated with care and understanding.

A Journey in Love, highlights the importance of parental input and an overview of the programme is detailed below. In Year 6, the content covers Sex Education as part of the relationship programme. Parents have the right to request that their child is withdrawn from this aspect of the programme.

*Reception: The wonder of being special and unique*

*Year One: We meet God's love in our family*

*Year Two: We meet God's love in the community*

*Year Three: How we live in love*

*Year Four: God loves us in our differences*

*Year Five: God loves me in my changing and development*

*Year Six: The wonder of God's love in creating new life*

Further information about each unit can be found on the website. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Whitehead

Deputy Headteacher

At St John Fisher we shine!

