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Relationships & Sexuality Education (RSE) Programme

Dear Parents,

RSE is a complex and vitally important area of a school's curriculum. RSE is part of the mission of Catholic schools to educate the whole person. It is to be carried out as part of the holistic education which seeks to form as well as inform young people in preparation for adult life.

Flourish is an RSE resource developed for Catholic Schools and has been adopted by the Armagh Diocese as a programme to ensure primary schools cover the **compulsory** aspect of the Primary Curriculum. The programme has been carefully looked at by all teaching staff and it has been agreed which elements will be covered, in a sensitive way. Some lessons will be covered as whole class groups, others as gender groups. From the resources you will see that not all lessons will be video led, some will be discussion based.

All lessons are available to view on <https://catholiceducation-ni.org/about-us-2/rse-resources/>. Please view the appropriate lessons for your child/ren. Lesson 7 in the P7 programme will NOT be covered in primary school as it will be covered in Post Primary.

Although RSE is a compulsory part of the curriculum, we will respect parents' wishes and views. If you wish for your child not to be included in these RSE lesson, please inform their class teacher in writing before Tuesday 9th May. Other arrangements will be made for these children, eg AR. Please be mindful that we can not be held responsible for the conversations children will have about RSE outside of the classroom/lessons.

We appreciate your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Martina Martin

Mrs Martina Martin

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