

God shines within our hearts.
Jesus walks by our side.
The Holy Spirit gives us strength.

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Growing in faith, serving with love.
Transforming our world; together in Christ.



2nd February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of our Relationship and Health Education curriculum, our Upper Key Stage 2 children begin to develop a deeper understanding of how humans change, develop and grow in their bodies and relationships as they enter adolescence – changes which many of them are already beginning to experience. They also learn about reproduction and the development of a foetus, which is a statutory requirement in line with the national curriculum for science, and therefore a compulsory part of your child's education.

The topic of 'Conception' and understanding how a baby is created, falls within our Sex Education Curriculum, which is non-statutory and only taught to Year 6. Our parent consultation showed that a greater majority of parents would like us to support them in teaching this to their child and so we have taken the decision to include the lessons on 'conception' as part of our Year 6 RSHE programme. You do, however, have full rights to withdraw your child should you wish to do so.

Please be assured whilst we do use accurate anatomical language for body parts, explaining the scientific way a baby is made, the subject is taught with sensitivity and in line with curriculum guidance and the teachings of the Catholic Church. The scheme refers to 'married Christians' but our teaching discusses all family make ups openly and spotlights protected characteristics.

We hope that you feel reassured and confident enough to allow your child to participate in this extremely important developmental opportunity. All our teaching resources are available on the Parent Portal for you to view at any point.

All parents are required to give formal consent that they are happy and willing for their child to participate in the Sex Education Lessons. These sessions will be interwoven throughout the RSHE lessons, so permission will need to be given at the start of the academic year (or following consultation process as is currently the case).

We ask you to please complete the form below and return to Mrs Oxley by **Friday 16th February 2024**. If you have any concerns or feel you need further information, then please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Mallabar (our RSHE Subject Lead) or Mrs Chapman.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads 'Mrs Chapman'.

Mrs Chapman

Pupils Name: _____ Year Group: _____

- ☐ I hereby give my permission for my child (named above) to participate in the Sex Education lessons taking part at St. Mary's CVA, New Mills.
- ☐ I would like to withdraw my child (named above) from the Sex Education lessons at St. Mary's CVA, New Mills.

Name: _____ Relationship to child: _____ Signature: _____



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