



# Cardinal Newman Catholic Primary School

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## RSE Parent Consultation 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Questions:

1. Are we able to view the lesson materials?  
The parent portal gives an overview of the material covered which can be viewed at anytime. Class teachers will send out letters about the topics being covered each term; should a parent have any concerns, it can be arranged to show the materials being used.
2. How do we make sure parents know what is being covered and when?  
At the start of each term a letter is sent out with the topics in the order they are being covered. Parent portal information is also shared.
3. Is there any discussion about same-sex relationships?  
In line with Catholic teaching, we do not promote this type of relationship. We talk about everyone made in the image and likeness of God and accepted for who they are. We acknowledge that same-sex relationships are part of our communities and wider society and we teach our children that we are all uniquely created and loved by God. The emphasis is on love, respect and tolerance. Any more detailed questions raised by children related to this area are dealt with on an individual basis, involving parents.
4. Do have any partnership with Salesian school about these issues – particularly when they move up and things my child might see on the train from older pupils and their use of smartphones?

We have a good relationship with Salesian and their PSHE lead. A discussion followed about the use of smartphones and the risks these pose – the importance of locking settings right down was emphasized. Year 6 look at the topic of pornography with the intention that they are able to say no to looking at things that are inappropriate. The whole Life to the Full curriculum is designed to build esteem and confidence for our children to be strong to stand up to these things once they move on from us.

5. How do you deal with questions around science and religion of Creation?  
In simplest terms we talk about science is the 'how' and religion is the 'why'. We discuss how amazing creation is and how perfectly balanced it is for our survival which leads to its purpose coming from God. God placed us here for a purpose. In Y6 the new RE curriculum gives opportunities to explore the views of Catholic scientists on this topic.

**Online Parent Portal**

As part of our subscription to "Life to the Full", all parents are able to access the Online Parent Portal with the following login credentials:

**Username**

cardinal-newman-kt12

**Password**

swimming-pool

**Parent Portal URL**

[www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal](http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal)