



# Atherton Sacred Heart RC Primary School

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Dear parents/ carers

As a Catholic School within the Archdiocese of Liverpool, the Governors of Sacred Heart have adopted 'A Journey in Love', a programme to support the non-statutory teaching of Relationships and Sex Education [RSE].

In Summer Term, the RSE programme as it is now will be delivered to Y6 as usual by 'HH Kids' with the intention of moving to 'A Journey in Love' for September 2018.

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. It is hoped that 'A Journey in Love' will complement this teaching in an age appropriate way.

I am attaching an introduction to 'A Journey of Love' so that you have sight of an overview of the programme. The scheme explores the physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual aspects of each of the following topics.

**Reception:** God loves each of us in our uniqueness

*Children will know that God has made them unique, although we are all different and special to Him.*

**Year 1:** We meet God's love in our family

*Children will know and understand that they are growing and developing as members of their own family and God's family.*

**Year 2:** We meet God's love in the community

*Children will know and understand that they are growing and developing in a God given community.*

**Year 3:** How we live in love

*Children will know and understand the virtues essential to friendship eg. loyalty, responsibility and experience the importance both of forgiving and being forgiven and of celebrating God's forgiveness.*

**Year 4:** God loves us in our differences

*Children will know that they are all different and will celebrate these differences as they appreciate that God's love accepts us as we are and as we change.*

**Year 5:** God loves me in my changing development

*Child will know and become aware of the physical and emotional changes that accompany puberty and will further grow in their understanding of God's promise in their daily lives.*

**Year 6:** The wonder of God's love in creating new life

*Children develop, in an age appropriate way, an understanding of sexuality and grow in further appreciation of their dignity and worth as children of God.*

For this year, the meeting for parents/ carers of Y6 will be delivered by Joanne Hill from 'HH Kids' on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm.**

However, in advance of starting 'A Journey in Love' in 2018-19, for further information about the scheme, class teachers will present the teaching material for the appropriate age groups on:

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April [3.30pm]: Y6, Y5, Y4, Y3

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April [3.30pm]: Reception, Y1, Y2

Many thanks

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