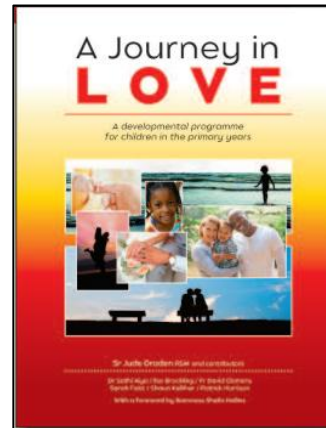




# St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School

*Together, in Jesus, we Love, Learn, Create and Celebrate!*

## **A Journey in Love – Relationships and Sex Education at St. Gregory's**



At **St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School**, we recognise that parents are the **first and most important educators** of their children, particularly in helping them to understand how to form healthy, loving relationships rooted in respect, kindness and faith. Our Catholic school community plays a vital role in **supporting families** in this mission, working in partnership to help children grow in understanding of themselves, others and God's love for all creation.

The Governors of St. Gregory's have adopted the **A Journey in Love** programme to guide the teaching of **Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)** from EYFS to Year 6. This programme is fully in keeping with the teachings of the Catholic Church and is endorsed by the Archdiocese of Liverpool. It provides a clear, age-appropriate framework through which children come to understand the beauty and dignity of human relationships as part of God's divine plan. This programme is also supplemented by a well-constructed 'Fullness of Life' curriculum, details of which are available on our school website.

Each year group focuses on a particular aspect of the mystery of love. Children are encouraged to marvel at the wonder of God's creative love, reflecting on how it is revealed through physical, social, emotional, intellectual and spiritual development. The themes studied are

- **Nursery** – Wonder at God's Love
- **Reception** – God Loves Each of Us in Our Uniqueness
- **Year 1** – We Meet God's Love in Our Family
- **Year 2** – We Meet God's Love in the Community
- **Year 3** – How We Live in Love
- **Year 4** – God Loves Us in Our Differences
- **Year 5** – God Loves Me in My Changing and Development
- **Year 6** – The Wonder of God's Love in Creating New Life

As part of our commitment to open partnership with parents and carers, we revisit our RSE content at every Meet the Teacher information meeting, sharing the content and approach of the *A Journey in Love* programme. Our RSE resources are also posted on our Fullness of Life webpage. Parents and carers are invited to discuss and explore how we teach these important aspects of personal development in line with Catholic teaching.

Parents have the **right to withdraw** their child from elements of RSE in Year 6 that are not part of the statutory Science or Personal Development curriculum, as defined by the Department for Education (2020). However, we encourage families to engage with this vital aspect of our curriculum, which seeks to help children understand the beauty of love, respect and the sacredness of life from reliable sources. If parents would like to discuss the RSE curriculum further, please do not hesitate to contact school.