

**FAMILY LIFE
AND
SEX EDUCATION POLICY**



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Introduction

Saint Anne's Catholic Primary School provides a programme of Family Life Education based upon the Catholic values, which are promoted through our Mission Statement:

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Our policy:

- is firmly based on Christian principles and positive Catholic teaching
- combines treatment of biological, social, moral and religious aspects of sexuality and procreation
- situates such treatment in the context of marriage, the family and family relationships

The programme conforms to the teaching of the Catholic Church in all respects. It extends over all year groups in the school and at each stage is attuned to the respective needs and capacities of the various age groups.

Our general aims are:

- to promote an informed, responsible and Christian attitude towards sexuality, sexual relationships and human relationships in general
- to foster understanding of Catholic teaching in this area
- to foster, in both boys and girls, a proper respect for members of the opposite sex as persons rather than mere objects
- to promote an appreciation of the nature, purpose and value of marriage and the family

Time devoted to specific RE topics should not be less than 10% of curriculum time. Aspects of Family Life may be dealt with in other curriculum areas.

We use a scheme recommended by the Birmingham Archdiocese, All That I Am, which builds on positive principles, values and attitudes. Special attention is given at all stages to the true understanding of love.

All That I Am was born from practitioners in primary schools who wished to provide the children with a curriculum that was steeped in the church's understanding of the human person. Throughout the programme there are biblical and theological reflections, which summarise Church teaching on the particular aspect being studied.

The All That I Am programme looks at individual, physical, social, emotional and spiritual aspects of the human person. It looks at male and female physical development and helps their self-awareness, confidence and skills in terms of relationships, as they grow.

In order to deal with the particular needs of the boys and girls respectively, boys and girls are taught separately for part of the programme.

Parents are invited to a meeting where the All That I Am programme (<http://all-that-i-am.co.uk>) is presented prior to the programme being used with the children. This is an opportunity to view the materials being taught and to raise issues that they feel important either in support of the programme or that may concern them. Parents can also make an appointment with the Headteacher to discuss any features of the programme if they so wish.

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from some aspects of the programme.

This policy was formally reviewed and approved by the Governing Body of Saint Anne's Catholic School on 28th March 2012. It will be available to all staff and parents. It will be reviewed annually or as circumstances or the Diocese / government direct.

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