



# St James & Emmanuel Academy Trust

Didsbury CE  
Primary School 

West Didsbury CE  
Primary School 

St Wilfrid's CE  
Primary School 

Dear Parents

I am sure many of you are aware of the current concern around the country regarding the Department of Education's expectation that all schools will teach sessions around LGBT and inclusion.

Please be aware that at all our Trust primary schools we pride ourselves on our inclusivity as expressed through our vision – **Belonging, Believing, Becoming**. Please see the school website for more detail on what this means and how we promote **Belonging, Believing, Becoming** (<http://www.westdidsburyceprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Ethos&pid=10> ; <http://www.st-wilfridscofe.manchester.sch.uk/page/?title=Ethos&pid=47> ; <http://www.didsbury-pri.manchester.sch.uk/page/?title=Ethos&pid=45> )

With regard to specific lessons within our relationships and sex education (RSE) curriculum, we focus very much on relationships. This work includes what makes a good friend, how we treat one another and aims to instil love, respect and understanding in the children for any relationships they have. Primarily we focus on relationships with each other in school and within our families but as the children grow, we look at our relationships outside of family and school life and begin to consider relationships globally through topics about other countries, cultures and major world faiths. Again the focus is on understanding and respect. Such work often leads to support of global charities and how we can help one another. Our work on families and the differing nature of these is based on the children's experiences and centres primarily on the need for love and care and how we can show this in our actions and deeds.

When we focus on the sex education element of our RSE curriculum this is towards the upper Key Stage 2 years in order to prepare the children for the onset of puberty, so that they understand the changes that will happen to their bodies. Parents are informed of all such topics and given the opportunity to see the resources and lesson materials we will use in advance of the sessions. Parents are able to remove their child from such sessions if they feel strongly that this is not appropriate for them.

We hope this information provides you with some re-assurance about our intent with regard to the RSE curriculum. Should you wish to discuss this further please contact the relevant Head of School.

Yours sincerely

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