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Dear Parents/Carers,

The Governors at XII Apostles RCPS have adopted 'A Journey in Love', a programme to support the non statutory Relationships and Sex Education in a Christian context. This will be taught in all year groups. In the Autumn term it will be introduced in Reception up to year 4 and in the Summer term will be taught in year 5 and 6. It will replace the current scheme taught in year 5 and 6 'All that I am'.

The programme is authentic to the teaching of the Catholic Church and is intended to support teachers and parents in Catholic schools to enable the holistic growth of children. We acknowledge that parents and carers are the key persons for children learning about sex and relationships, the foremost educators. Our programme should complement their role in nurturing their children's human wholeness.

### **A Journey in Love**

A sample of slides that will be used and more information about the scheme can be found on the schools web site under **Our School** and then **Curriculum RSE**  
<http://www.twelveapostlesleigh.co.uk/about-our-school/curriculum-page/>

This scheme explores the physical, social, emotional, intellectual and spiritual aspects of each of the following topics.

#### **Reception** – "God loves each of us in our uniqueness"

Learning Objectives- Children will know and understand that God has made them unique and that although we are all different we are special to Him.

#### **Year 1** – "We meet God's love in our family"

Learning Objectives – 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"

Learning Objectives – Children will know and understand that they are growing and developing in a God-given community.

#### **Year 3** – "How we live in love"

Learning Objectives – 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”**

Learning Objectives – Children know and understand that they are all different and 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 and development”**

Learning Objective -- Children know and become aware of the physical and emotional changes that accompany puberty- sensitivity, mood swings, anger, boredom, etc. and grow further in their understanding of God’s presence in their daily lives.

**Year 6 - : “The wonder of God’s love in creating new life”**

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

Parents of children in years 5 and 6 may wish to discuss some of the themes covered in advance of the children’s lessons and therefore we will invite you to a parents meeting prior to delivering the sessions in April 2018.

You may find that your child starts asking questions about the topic at home, or you might want to take the opportunity to talk to your child about some of the issues they will discuss in class.

If you have any queries about the content of the programme or resources used, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support

Kind Regards  
Mrs Newton  
Headteacher