

## APPENDIX

### Diocese of Norwich RSHE Vision

Our vision for education is deeply Christian, with Jesus' promise of 'life in all its fullness' at its heart. In line with the Church of England's role as the established Church, our vision is for the common good of the whole community:

**Educating for wisdom, knowledge and skills:** enabling discipline, confidence and delight in seeking wisdom and knowledge, and developing talents in all areas of life.

**Educating for hope and aspiration:** enabling healing, repair and renewal, coping wisely when things go wrong, opening horizons and guiding people into ways of fulfilling them.

**Educating for community and living well together:** a core focus on relationships, participation in communities and the qualities of character that enable people to flourish together.

**Educating for dignity and respect:** the basic principle of respect for the value and preciousness of each person, treating each person as a unique individual of inherent worth.

The Diocese of Norwich welcomes the commitment by the Government to improve relationships, sex and health education in all schools through the new Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education Guidance, 2019. Approached sympathetically, the new statutory curriculum provides a valuable opportunity to help fulfil our vision.

*Our passion and ambition is to see children in all our schools and academies achieve excellent educational outcomes alongside developing and growing into their potential as individuals made in the image of God. Our culture is one of high aspiration rooted in our Christian values as demonstrated in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. We have a desire to see Norfolk, and our schools in North East Suffolk, and its education system recognised as a place of aspiration, achievement and hope whether living in a rural area, coastal community, market town or the city of Norwich.*

### Our School's Distinctively Christian RSHE Vision

RSHE is delivered in our school to compliment the wider ethos, values and principles of the Diocese of Norwich. Our vision for education is deeply Christian, with Jesus' promise of 'life in all its fullness' at its heart.

Our school's overarching distinctively Christian vision for pupils is to create a school where every child and adult has self-belief and the opportunity to be the best they can be, fostered through a sense of belonging, of being valued and with respect for individuality. We will be defined by who we are and what we do. A place for all to flourish.

RSHE is underpinned by a clear set of embedded values and principles that complement the school ethos and permeate through the teaching practice, resources and classroom management of RSHE lessons. Our school values which drive the vision are *Compassion, Courage and Responsibility*.

RSHE is learning about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up, relationships, sex, human sexuality and sexual health in an age and stage appropriate manner. It will equip children and young people with accurate information, positive values and the skills to enjoy healthy, safe and positive relationships, within which they value their sexuality and take responsibility for their health and wellbeing both now and in the future. We recognise the importance of RSHE in preparing children and young people to live safe, fulfilled and healthy lives. The objective of RSHE is to support children and young people through a journey of physical, emotional and moral development, through the teaching of essential knowledge, skills and

values within the framework of the law, relevant provisions of the Equality Act, 2010 and through the teaching of the Christian perspectives on relationships and sex.

Effective RSHE can make a significant contribution to the development of personal skills needed by pupils to establish and maintain relationships. RSHE will ensure children and young people are encouraged to understand the importance of stable, loving relationships, respect, love, and care in line with our Christian values. It also enables young people to make responsible and informed decisions about their health and wellbeing.

RSHE will be approached through evidence-based, best practice principles to ensure the highest impact on improving pupil health, wellbeing, safeguarding and lifelong outcomes. The following principles are based on research evidence, supported by a wide range of leading organisations including NSPCC, Barnardo's, The Children's Society and education unions.