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RE: Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) at Magherafelt Primary School

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits after the Summer break. It has come to my attention that there have been discussions and concerns circulating on social media and in local meetings regarding the Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) curriculum in Northern Ireland Primary Schools. I want to address these concerns directly and provide you with accurate information.

First and foremost, I want to unequivocally state that the content and information that have been suggested in these posts and meetings will NEVER be taught at Magherafelt Primary School. We are committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment for your children, one that aligns with our Christian ethos and values. Our primary goal is to ensure that the education we provide is respectful, age-appropriate and in line with the values that you, as parents and carers, entrust us to uphold.

Our school's Christian ethos is deeply ingrained in every aspect of our curriculum, including RSE. We believe in fostering an environment that promotes respect, understanding and a strong sense of moral and ethical responsibility. Our approach to RSE is grounded in these principles and we are dedicated to providing education that is respectful of your cultural, religious and family values.

I want to assure you that the ultimate authority regarding the RSE curriculum and its content in lies with our Board of Governors. The Board of Governors, along with myself as the Principal, is committed to ensuring that the content delivered in our school is appropriate, sensitive and in accordance with the values of our community. We will not allow any content that goes against our principles to be taught in our school.

We understand the importance of open communication and collaboration between our school and our parents and carers. If you ever have any concerns or questions about the curriculum, including RSE, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Your input is valuable and we are here to address your concerns and provide clarity on our approach. For absolute clarity on this issue please see our RSE policy which can be found on our website at the following link:

<https://www.magherafeltps.com/documentlink/358/?open=true>



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Thank you for your continued trust in Magherafelt Primary School. Together, we can create a positive and enriching educational experience for your children, one that reflects the values we all hold dear.

Yours sincerely,

**Ian Somerville
Principal**