

RSE – Diocesan Requirements

The Education service has communicated to schools the requirements for RSE in the Diocese of Westminster are as follows:

- I. RSE is in keeping with the diocesan vision for RSE, as approved by the Education Commission.
- II. CES support materials are used (namely the Model Policy and policy guidance, Governor Audit & Quality standard)
- III. The CES Model Curriculum is delivered in its entirety; thereby also fulfilling the statutory requirements from the DfE.
- IV. A Fertile Heart is not an approved resource for schools in Westminster

Please note that in relation to point III the following will require consideration:

- *The CES Model Curriculum takes RSE beyond statutory requirements.*
- *There is additional content, which places relationships education within a Catholic context.*
- *The CES Model Curriculum includes content at KS2 that appears at KS3 in the statutory requirements. Namely:*
 - *Sex education 2.1.5.4.*
 - *Cultural practices which are against British law and universal rights e.g. 'honour' based violence, forced marriage, human trafficking 2.3.3.1.*
 - *FGM 2.3.3.2.*

If for some reason, a primary school decides not to teach the content listed above we have asked that a strong rationale is produced. This rationale must be reviewed on a very regular basis and have the pupil's best interests at heart.