

Summary of RSE consultation

In line with the government recommendation, it is vital that we consulted parents before we began teaching the curriculum. Due to Covid 19, there was a delay in beginning the programme so I delayed the consultation process. We now have to have the programme up and running for the start of the summer term, hence having the consultation in the Spring term 2021.

The consultation process was in two parts:

1. Review of the TEN:TEN resources and completing the modules on line
2. The completion of a questionnaire I designed

Part One:

In the letter that went out, the parents received a user name and password so that they could peruse the programme on the site. This, they were able to do at their own pace. Whilst the site did not give me access to individual names, I know that there were 81 visits to this site under our log in details and these parents completed the consultation fully on line. I know this to be the case as their questions/ comments (see page) reflect how much information the parents actually took in. This letter was shared on Class Dojo and then Mrs McGough emailed it out as well to all our parents to ensure that the maximum received and the information.

Part Two:

The second part of the consultation was a parent survey that I had 68 responses to. Some of these were from parents of multiple children, so the responses received cover 88 children in our school. The way that I designed the questionnaire ensured that their names were attached to it. I wanted to be in a position to answer any specific questions our parents had and deal with any concerns 1:1, which I have done via dojo. Overall, it is clear that we have the full support of parents to start this process within Saint Patrick's.

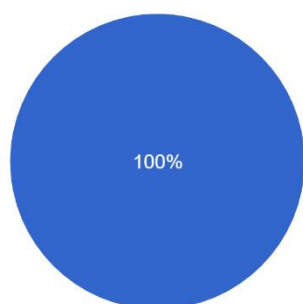
Year Group breakdown of responses

Year	Percentage Return	Number of responses
F1	100%	7 of 7
F2	84%	10 of 12
Year One	100%	7 of 7
Year Two	92%	11 of 12
Year Three	89%	8 of 9
Year Four	100%	16 of 16
Year Five	94%	14 of 15
Year Six	85%	11 of 13

Percentage Breakdown by Question

Question 1

I understand what my child will be taught and when
68 responses

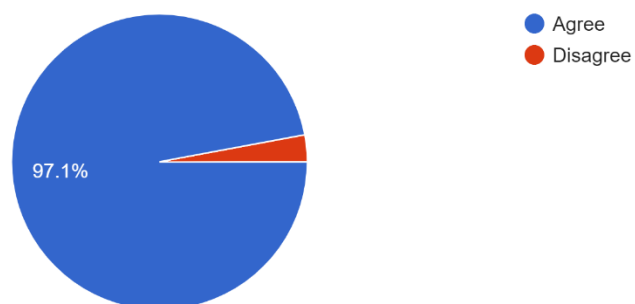


● Agree
● Disagree

Question 2

I am comfortable with the Catholic Ethos of the programme

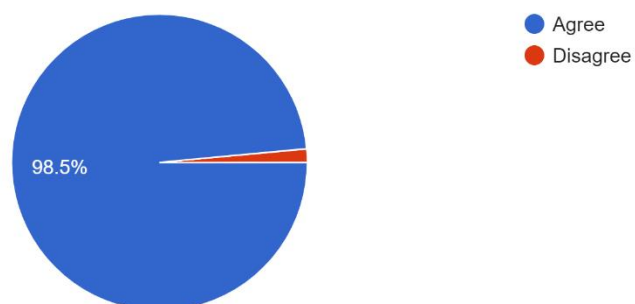
68 responses



Question 3

I trust my school's judgement in delivering this programme

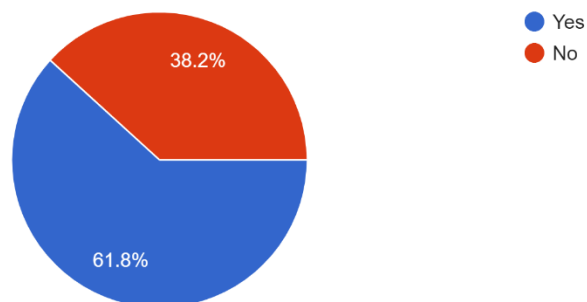
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Question 4

I feel that my child will need additional support in understanding some of the content

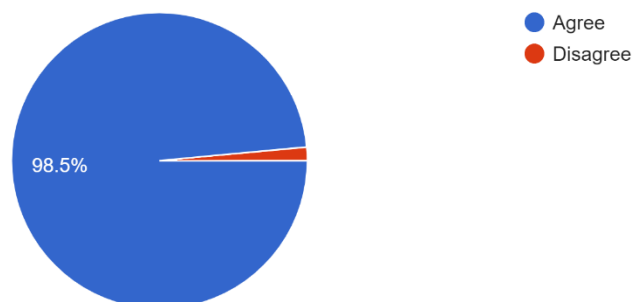
68 responses



Question 5

I understand and accept that my role is the 'first educator' of my child on matters relating to teaching human sexuality

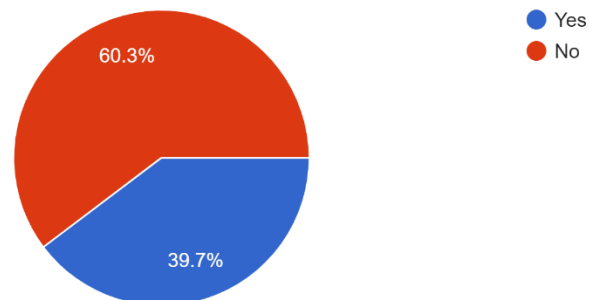
68 responses



Question 6

I would value further support from school how to talk to my child about sensitive issues

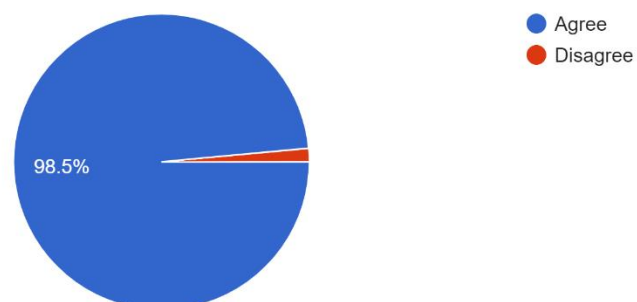
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Question 7

I approve of my child learning the names of external genitalia in KS1

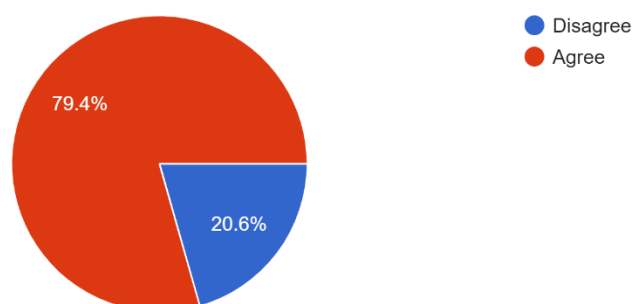
68 responses



Question 8

I am happy for my child to be taught about sexual intimacy in Year 6, in a way that is respectful of Catholic beliefs

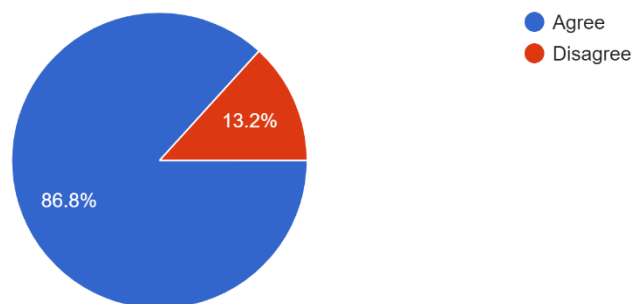
68 responses



Question 9

I think it is important that pornography is covered from an internet perspective

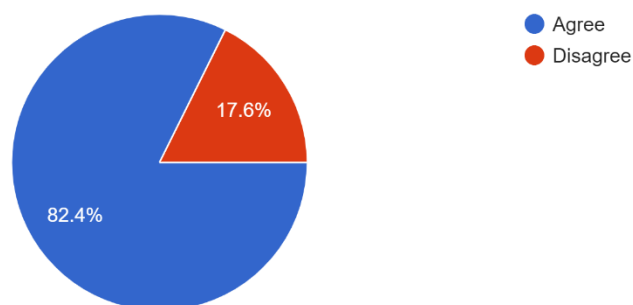
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Question 10

I think it is important that pornography is discussed as a way in which people are 'used'

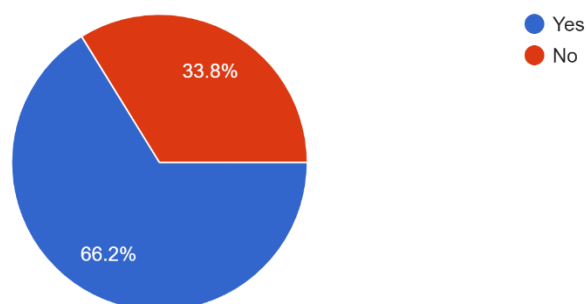
68 responses



Question 11

I would like further details regarding the content around these 'Key decisions'

68 responses



Question 12 - Further comments and questions

Please note that these are exact copies of the parent's responses and I have not corrected their grammar or spellings.

With regard to the individual comments made, I have already been in touch with these parents directly and they are happy with how I have explained the key concerns. Part of this will be to educate the parents as well as they did not understand that sending nude pictures and messaging referred to as sexting is viewed as child pornography. If someone over the age of 10 forwards, any such messages will result in charges being laid re the distribution of child pornography and that child/ children will be placed on the sex offender's registers

Comment 1 : I agree to everything. The new programme seems fantastic. The kids will gain alot of knowledge and understanding about everyday life. And the importance of it. Thank you.

Comment 2 It all sounds like a very carefully planned program. I would like to be kept in the loop when they are learning about these topics, so I can continue to support the boys with these topics at home.

Comment 3: I am happy with the programme.

Comment 4 : I think as a school you have thought it through to teach our child/ren at the right ages.

Comment 5 : I dont understand the question regarding pornography Internet perspective so I disagreed if I could have some more information on this please to help me understand

Action:

I messaged the parent to explain the context was about not sharing personal/ intimate images and she was happy that this would be covered within the context

Comment 6 : I don't want slaine to learn about sex at a young age (I have messaged to clarify that the child will be learning about relationships and not the sexual act)

Comment 7: Just be mindful of the way this subject is distributed, especially to the younger children.

Action:

I messaged to reassure that parent that the material is issued at an age appropriate level

Comment 8: It is important that children should understand about these things in a healthy way.

Comment 9: It makes me feel uncomfortable at the thought of porn being discussed around my daughter.

Action:

I messaged the parent to explain the context was about not sharing personal/intimate images and she was happy with this context being covered

Comment 10: I think pornography should be discussed in secondary education.

Action

I explained exactly what we would be covered and the parent was then happy.

Comment 11: I trust the school to keep information, age appropriate and we discuss everything at home.

Comment 12: I agree that children need to have a level of sex education etc but I'm not sure it should be pushed at a young age, As parents of older girls I'm more than comfortable with talking about it with her and making her safe on the internet etc but honestly don't want her being pushed into having to think about things that a young child shouldn't have to think about if that makes sense. On the religious side of course we expect an aspect of religion but not perhaps where sex education is concerned. Puberty changes I fully support as that really is all I feel she should have

to think about next. Perhaps if I go over it all again it could help, as I don't want to appear negative I just have concerns

Action

I reassured the parent that we were not teaching the sexual aspect more the relationship aspect, which alleviated their concerns.

Comment 12: I trust that the school would discuss such subjects appropriately and in a safe manner when the children are at suitable age.

Comment 13: I don't think children in primary should be taught about anything relating to pornography. I think that's something that should be taught about to year 7 and above.

Comment 14: I have faith in the delivery from at pats

Comment 15: I have already spoken to my boys with regards to some key issues. We are a very open family and all questions are taken seriously and spoken about to a level at which they understand. As a parent and a woman with 2 boys I believe it's important to ensure they understand all aspects of relationships and again do so to their understanding. As they grow so does our communication. I am happy for this to be taught to them in school to your Catholic beliefs and reiterate this to our core family beliefs at home.

Comment 16: The pornography aspect needs to be emphasised that it is acting and the content is edited etc. Also the manipulation through advertising when clicking "accept or agree" to the terms of data mining when visiting these Internet sites or any such websites.

Comment 17: I am looking forward to having conversations with my children about what they have learned and build upon it with their knowledge of our family and friends.

Comment 18: I would like section 4 Key Decisions (parents) on the website to let me review the lessons as they suggest that I can. Unfortunately they have chosen to

take this opportunity away and I am unable to make a full decision. Therefore, my decisions shown above are based upon the 6 parts on the website, excluding the two lessons that I am unable to review.

Action

I have sent the parent the requested information

Comment 19: Information packs when topic is started

Comment 20: As regards to the internet and pornography I think its important for children to learn about the dangers off looking at some content and allso the dangers of putting things on the internet in regards to there body

Conclusion

As can be seen from the above we have had a brilliant response to the survey and have the support of our parents to introduce the curriculum. The response to the TEN:TEN resources has been very good and it has reassured me that it is the best programme for our school.

I would now hope that the governing body could ratify the policy now that I have completed the parental consultation.

God bless,

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