



*Have faith... believe you can*

## **St John the Baptist School**

### **Sex Education Policy**

#### **Mission Statement**

To be a Catholic School where every individual is highly valued and where care and concern for others is central to our work. All our students are expected to achieve their full potential in school and become equipped for adult life. At SJB all we do is guided by Gospel values.

#### **Aims**

The aims of this policy reflect the mission statement of SJB as a whole and relate closely to the above statement.

As a Catholic school the foundation of our teaching is the belief that our sex and sexuality are gifts from God:

'So God created human beings, making them to be like himself. He created them male and female, blessed them and said "Have many children, so that your descendants will live all over the earth and bring it under their control..." God looked at everything he had made and he was very pleased.' (Genesis 1:27f)

...and...

'that Christ is in all.' (Col 3:11)

- Our aim is to bring about knowledge and awareness of human sexuality through the Christian principles of love and faithfulness and within the moral framework of marriage and family life.
- Our aim is to complement and support parents in their task of bringing their children to full personal growth in sexual life.
- Our aim is to provide pupils with opportunities to explore attitudes towards sex and relationships within a programme based on Catholic values such as commitment, honesty, integrity and respect.
- Our aim is to develop within our pupils a joyful appreciation of themselves as people who love and are loveable – and a sense of awe and wonder at God having made us as sexual beings.

- We recognise the challenges that much of society presents for young people, often trivialising sex or reducing it to sexual pleasure alone. We aim, therefore, to give positive guidance to our pupils using the teaching of the Catholic Church as the main resource.

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To be reviewed at the discretion of the Governing Body