

Appendix 1 : Sample letter to parents of Junior Infants/P1

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Over the next few weeks, your child will be taught the 'Flourish' Relationships and Sexuality programme. This programme is designed to be a collaboration between home and school and one of its most important aspects is parental input. All the material is age-appropriate and delivered within the context of the Catholic Church's teaching on sexuality. The emphasis is on forming positive relationships and showing respect for ourselves and other people. You can view the programme yourself on www.catholiceducation.ie

The Junior Infant/P1 topics are as follows:

- I am Me – God loves me!
- I have a wonderful body. My body is a gift from God. I must look after it.
- I have a family. We love each other. Jesus had a family too.
- I have friends. Jesus is my friend.

Please come and talk to us at school if you have any concerns or wish to discuss anything that comes up in your discussions at home. Above all, please talk with your child about what they are learning at school and share your views with them. Let's help our children learn about these sensitive issues together.

Yours sincerely,
