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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) is an on-going process throughout life. A student's first experience of love, of intimacy and of relationships takes place in the family. Parents/Guardians and the family are acknowledged as the primary educators of their children. We work in a supportive role with parents/guardians, by complementing their role with a school-based programme in RSE.

Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) is an important element of a holistic education. We are very aware of the importance and sensitivity of teaching the RSE programme to our students and we thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring your daughter will have received a balanced education here in Loreto which will prepare them not only for third level, but for life.

We will be covering RSE at Senior Cycle during SPHE class in Term 2 and/or Term 3. RSE will be taught in accordance with Department of Education and Skills guidelines. In 6th Year part of the content of the RSE curriculum includes the area of consent.

To support the 6th Year RSE programme **Margo Noonan** a registered nurse working as an Advanced Nurse Practitioner in the Sexual Assault Treatment Unit (SATU) based in Cork city will speak to our students on **21st April 2020 from 2pm to 4pm**. This talk will include: a definition of consent and applying it to real life with anonymised real life case studies; busting myths and fears about sexual assault and rape; the law around sexual violence including the laws pertaining to social media and how it applies to young men and women; and developing skills to deal with the situations that they may encounter.

For further information refer to our RSE policy which is available on the school website, www.loretoclonmel.ie. Alternatively, do not hesitate to contact the Principal or Deputy Principal should you have any queries or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Ms. A. Mc Grath, Principal