



Dear Headteacher

You will recall that earlier this year we wrote to all Catholic secondary schools about the Archbishops' letter regarding marriage. This letter has generated some media interest over the last few days so we thought it would be useful to send you a brief update about this.

Attached to this email you will find a copy of a statement which we issued earlier today regarding the letter and the Coalition for Marriage's petition. The letter includes links to the Archbishops' letter and the petition. Please feel assured that teaching sex and relationships education in accordance with the Catholic Church's teaching in this area continues to be lawful.

In our initial email we did not make it clear that the online petition may only be signed by people over the age of 16 and we're sorry for any confusion this may have caused. We would be grateful if you could ensure that other members of your school community are made aware that the petition has this age-restriction on it.

Thank you for your continued support.

Gregory Pope

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