

	SPHE/RSE Post Primary Development Group online Meeting Note October 2020
House keeping and governance	
Agenda item 1 Welcome	John Hammond (CEO) welcomed the Primary and Post-Primary SPHE/RSE development groups to the first meeting and expressed his gratitude to members for participating given the challenging circumstances at the moment. He highlighted the open and extensive nature of the review process and the degree of public interest that is evident in this area of education. He also acknowledged the significant implementation challenges which need to be addressed, and complexity of the work and the importance of hearing all voices as we advance the work.
Agenda item 2 Report on the review of RSE	Executive staff presented a brief overview of the findings within the Report on the Review of RSE after which members of the development groups shared their views on what they considered to be the key messages or recommendations within the report.
Agenda item 3 The approach and principles underpinning our work	Executive staff presented an overview of the principles, approach and description of RSE as set out in the Report. This will inform the work of the Development Groups and the implications of these be teased out as the work develops. Participants in the meeting then shared their views on the implications for the work of the Development Groups of being guided by these principles and approach.
Agenda item 4 Expectations for how the group will work	When the two development groups broke into separate meetings the Chair welcomed the Post Primary group and shared her hopes and expectations for the group, including that the group would <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - place the needs of children and young people at the centre of all our deliberations - respect for diversity of children’s lives and the diversity of perspectives within the development group - be aware of this being a contested and sensitive space that touches on our personal values and experiences - maintain confidentiality and not share documents or speak on behalf of the group <p>Other expectations mentioned by the group included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the need to break down the work into manageable parts so that it doesn’t feel huge • the importance of keeping an eye on matters related to implementation • the importance of maintaining a wide lens in order to avoid approaching resource or curriculum development through a narrow mono-cultural or heterosexist lens.
Agenda item 5 Mapping out the work of the DG and timeline	An outline of the work of the Development Group over the next 15 months was presented and followed by some questions and clarifications.

Date of next meeting	November 11 th
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