

# ABORTION AND 'PORN LITERACY' BEING PUSHED IN SCHOOLS?

## What YOU need to know MAJOR CHANGES TO RSE PROPOSED

Would you be happy with your 4 year-old being taught about masturbation? Or your 9 year-old being to "make conscious decisions about whether to have sex or not".

What about your child being taught about abortion – and being made 'porn literate' in school? Do you agree with TDs who say this will be compulsory - that parents are not fit to talk to their children about sex or relationships?

**If this sounds unbelievable, you need to read on.**

**The National Council for Curriculum Assessment (NCCA)** is insisting that parents want more explicit sex information -- in primary as well as secondary schools. In their July 2019 report (p 58), they reference the framework from the World Health Organisation (WHO) on sex-ed as meeting “best international standards.”

## SO WHAT DOES WHO SAY?

**The WHO’s Standards in Sexuality Education in Europe (2010) makes for disturbing reading.**

- It states that children between 0 and 4 years should be taught about “early childhood masturbation”.
- It says that these children need to “explore gender identity” – whether they are really boys or girls.
- Between 9 and 12 years, the WHO says, children will be taught to “make conscious decisions about whether to have sex or not”.

**The Oireachtas Committee on Education** also released a report in January 2019 demanding:

- Compulsory sex education lessons at primary school.
- Abortion to be presented as a reproductive right.
- Children be taught about LGBTQI+ experiences and sexual practices in RSE lessons.

The Committee said that schools would **NOT** be allowed to opt-out of the new programme – even if it conflicted with the religious ethos of the school.

**One parent’s group has described these recommendations as the ‘sexual grooming’ of children**

## **Other sex-ed programme designers are calling for schools to make children ‘porn literate’.**

Even as evidence mounts regarding the harm caused by pornography, there’s now a major push to introduce school students to pornography.

Researchers from NUI Galway say this involves exposing school children to pornography so that they don’t feel ‘shame or stigma’ when using it. They’ve been given a platform on RTE and in newspapers to promote this.

## **SCHOOLS WILL HAVE NO CHOICE**

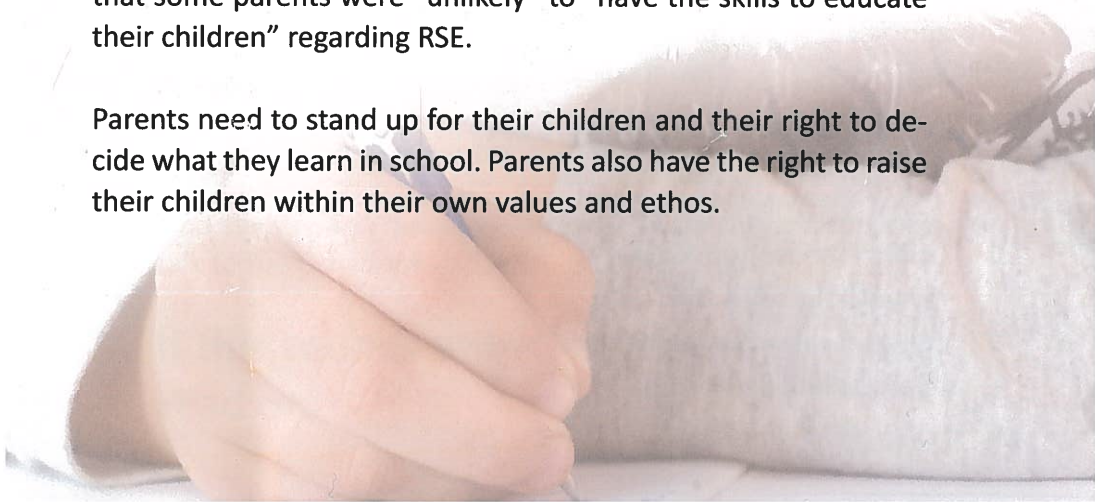
The Oireachtas Committee on Education says that the law must be changed to remove every school’s right to maintain its own ethos.

Schools will be forced to teach the new programme. This is wrong. Catholic schools are being targeted in particular.

### **And the rights of parents are at risk**

Shockingly, Fianna Fáil TD, Fiona O’Loughlin recently told the Dáil that some parents were “unlikely” to “have the skills to educate their children” regarding RSE.

Parents need to stand up for their children and their right to decide what they learn in school. Parents also have the right to raise their children within their own values and ethos.



# TAKE ACTION!

## WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

- 1 Take the survey:** It is vitally important that you make your voice heard. Go to the NCCA website **BEFORE OCTOBER 25th** at this link and fill in the online survey. Many parents are pointing out that parents, not the State, should decide what values to pass onto their children.  
<https://www.ncca.ie/en/updates-and-events/consultations/review-of-relationships-and-sexuality-education-rse>

You can also make a submission to the NCCA:

<https://www.ncca.ie/en/resources/review-of-rse-written-submission-template>

- 2 Call your TD** and tell him or her that you are opposed to this explicit new programme – and that you want your school to be able to reflect your ethos.
- 3 Call, write, email or chat** to your school to explain your concerns and to say you don't want your child subjected to this new programme.
- 4 READ MORE** and get sample letters and factsheets at the sites below

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