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Chair of Parishes and Government Review Panel

By email only

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Dear Chair

Parishes and Government Review Panel – Learning about the parish system in Schools

Thank you for your correspondence dated 8th October 2025. Please see responses to your questions below:

Current Curriculum Provision

The Jersey Curriculum references the Jersey political system within the PSHE subject area, Living in the Wider World.

Specifically, it advises primary schools to teach children

- about respect for self and others and the importance of responsible behaviours and actions
- about rights and responsibilities as members of families, other groups and ultimately as citizens
- about different groups and communities
- to respect equality and to be a productive member of a diverse community
- about the importance of respecting and protecting the environment
- about where money comes from, keeping it safe and the importance of managing it effectively
- how money plays an important part in people's lives
- a basic understanding of enterprise.

Every child in Year 5 will be part of the States Chamber visit, where they learn about debate and questions, and where their teachers explain the purpose and activities undertaken in the Assembly. All year 5 classes undertake a trip, facilitated by central Education funds for the transport, and colleagues from the Greffe education team support the pupils' experience and understanding of the Jersey political system.

In secondary schools (KS3 and KS4) schools teach about

- the development of the political system of democratic government in Jersey and the United Kingdom, including the roles of citizens, the States Chamber, the Island's Relationship with the monarch
- the operation of the States Chamber, including voting and elections, and the role of politicians, including Senators, Deputies, Constables and non-elected States members.

There is no direct reference to the parishes; rather this is introduced through visits to the States Chamber in year 5, and in secondary schools through understanding of the role of Constables.

Schools select their individual approaches to teaching this outlined content and will have individual relationships with their various Parish contacts.

Curriculum Development

There are no current plans to review the PSHE curriculum.

Resources and Support

We do not hold detail on the different levels of engagement, support or resources that Parish's offer or provide to schools and do not have any current intentions to review this area.

We would welcome feedback from the Parish officers on how they would like to work with schools, and on what information and educational support materials they would like to share.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rob Ward', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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