



Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this message finds you and your family well.

I am writing to ask for your feedback on a new policy we are currently preparing in order to meet new Government regulations concerning Relationships and Sex Education (RSE). This new policy has been produced by a team comprising teachers and education and policy experts from across the Vale Academy Trust.

Of course, teaching RSE is not new in our school, and you can find our current RSE Policy on our website, but the new government guidance makes more topics mandatory and introduces a few new ones. At the front of the draft RSE policy you will find a link to the Government guidance should you want to know more detail.

Under normal circumstances I would invite you to attend an information evening at the school where we could talk face-to-face, but clearly we cannot do this right now so instead I am asking all parents and carers to read the draft RSE policy and let us have questions and comments through this online form: [Feedback Form](#).

If there are enough questions we will prepare a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) sheet and send this out to all parents and carers. Of course, we will ensure that the FAQ sheet does not identify any individuals.

You can find the draft RSE policy attached to this message, or you can download a copy from this link: [Draft RSE Policy](#)

While I would encourage you to read the whole policy, you may find appendix 1 particularly helpful as it describes what the new regulations say a child should know in terms of RSE by the time they finish primary school. This broadly steers what all schools must deliver and although at our school we already cover most of it, we will be reviewing our curriculum over the coming weeks and months to ensure complete compliance. In doing so, we will continue to work hard to make sure that our curriculum reflects:

- Our students' ages and maturity levels, as well as their cultural and religious backgrounds
- The values of our school community
- Each student's individual learning needs
- What students need to know to be healthy and safe in school, in their personal relationships and in the wider world

Please take some time to review the draft policy and let us have your questions and comments, using the online [Feedback Form](#).

If you could complete the form no later than Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021, it would help enormously.

If you have something of a personal nature you want to discuss concerning your child and the draft RSE policy, which you would rather not put into the form, please don't hesitate to contact the school office to arrange to speak to a member of the leadership team.

Thank you for your continuing support in help to shape this new policy. Yours faithfully,



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