30th October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer.

We are writing to you regarding our Relationships and Sex Education policy and the systems and processes in place at MVLA.

Every year we review our policy and at every review we contact parents/carers to consult them about our approach during the Summer Term. It is a requirement that all schools do this so that parents are fully informed and involved.

Recently there has been some coverage in the media about parents having a right to see any curriculum materials that we use. This has always been on offer at MVLA. However, we were aware that our Relationship and Sex Education policy did not specify this and so parents/carers might be unaware that they are able to do this. We have therefore made a minor update to our current policy and are writing to you to let you know of this update. It does not affect the curriculum on offer in any way.

The curriculum we use for Relationship and Sex Education is written by the PSHE Association and covers all of the statutory requirements that schools must deliver. At times, we will offer additional sessions to address any important topics or things that are relevant in school at that time – for example safe use of social media or how to be a good friend. This will usually be done through our morning ‘daily discussions’ time.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of your right to withdraw your child from the non-statutory components of relationships and sex education. If you wish to do this, there is a form to complete that is attached to the end of the policy. Alternatively, you can get in touch with school, and we can send one to you.

If you wish to read our Relationships and Sex Education policy, it is available on our school website. If you wish to receive a paper copy, please request this from the school office.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Many thanks

Linda Guest

Headteacher