

BOARDING STATEMENT OF AIMS AND PRACTICE

In principle, and within the context of Slindon College, boarding aims to provide, in close conjunction and co-operation with the parents, an environment which will: safeguard and promote the health, happiness and proper physical, intellectual, emotional, social and behavioural development of a pupil, as well as protecting them from risk of suffering harm or neglect. These aims will come under the direct adherence to the College's Safeguarding Policy which has an overarching role during both day and boarding time.

In particular, boarding focuses on developing skills for pupils to live harmoniously within a community whatever their individual strengths and weaknesses. We apply this to our day pupils, too. There is a holistic approach and recognition of the uniqueness of the individual. An atmosphere is fostered where there is mutual respect for all members of the Boarding House through the communication of values to facilitate the development of spiritual, cultural, moral and social codes of behaviour for all.

An environment is provided which enables all boarders to work, play and relax free from abuse, intimidation, harassment or teasing. Safeguarding is interwoven into everything that we do in boarding and the Head of Boarding is a DDSL and part of the safeguarding team.

- All boarders have an acknowledged right to privacy. Equal opportunity is given to all, regardless of any protected characteristic such as age, gender reassignment, race (including colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin), religion or belief, sexual orientation, or additional needs including disability.
- Equally these differences are recognised and respected. Positive encouragement is given to all pupils to reach their full potential. The vital links with parents and guardians are fostered to aid the development of all boarders in the College. The safety and security of pupils is of paramount importance.
- Good health is promoted in partnership between the academic staff, the medical staff and the house staff. The programme of PSHE includes education on smoking and vaping, alcohol and substance abuse, online safety, healthy eating and physical, mental and emotional development

At Slindon College, we aim to nurture the physical needs, a sense of security, a sense of belonging, self-esteem, mutual respect and the self-realisation of every boarder.

In summary, embracing the ethos of the College, our aim is:

To Inspire the pupils to...

- Experience and enjoy success in a diverse range of pupil led activities, encouraging and supporting them to develop their leadership qualities.
- Develop and celebrate their self-confidence, self-awareness and their interpersonal skills through a broad variety of experiences.
- Explore the spiritual and cultural aspects of life.
- Develop their capacity to make informed, rational and responsible decisions in a three-way partnership between themselves, their parents and staff.

To Provide...

- A secure environment which safeguards and promotes the proper physical, mental, intellectual, emotional, social and behavioural development of the pupils.
- Opportunities for pupils to acquire life skills and experiences through exposure to a variety of life enriching activities.
- An environment where pupils may develop their ideas and attitudes and to consider a wide range of issues and challenge extremist ideas.

To Encourage...

- All pupils and members of staff to be part of a dynamic boarding community which is based on mutual respect, and that they are responsible towards each other, their surroundings and to society at large.
- Tolerance and sensitivity and an appreciation of the value of courtesy.
- A balanced and healthy lifestyle.

To Support...

- All, and the older pupils in particular, to think seriously about their future plans and aspirations and to provide them with the support, advice and information they need in order to achieve their goals.