

BOARDING POLICY

Rooted in Christ and Catholic tradition and under the guidance of its patron, St Edmund's aims to realise the God-given potential, in body, mind and spirit, of all members of its community through service and leadership.

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St Edmund's is committed to ensuring the welfare and protection of children in their care and this commitment is a fundamental part of the role of every employee.

The College Aims:

- To provide boarding facilities for all students whose parents have requested it and who are in sympathy with the aims and objectives of the College as a Catholic school;
- To foster the spiritual, intellectual, physical and emotional development of each person within the boarding community;
- To provide a happy and secure community for all our boarding students, ensuring that all relationships promote the Gospel maxim to "love thy neighbour as thy self";
- To work in partnership with parents and/or guardians to support students in their boarding experience.

IMPLEMENTATION OF BOARDING POLICY

The College Boarding Community will:

- provide the experience of a living and worshipping Catholic community, particularly through its liturgical and prayer life;
- ensure a welcoming and safe atmosphere that focusses on the wellbeing for each student and member of staff;
- implement and develop a strong pastoral system through its Head of Boarding, Housemaster, Housemistress, Assistant Housemasters/Housemistresses and regular contact with boarding tutors; Heads of House/Year; Form tutors; Infirmary; Chaplaincy;
- maintain close links with parents, guardians and other agencies as appropriate;
- provide accommodation and a structure within boarding appropriate to the age and maturity of the students;

- in addition to regular contact with boarding staff, encourage students to make known their needs and views through student Heads of House and a Boarding Council;
- provide health and welfare care through the provision of Boarding staff and the Health Centre;
- provide, through the Head of Boarding and boarding staff, an appropriate activities programme for students;
- give clear guidance on all boarding routines to students, parents, guardians and staff;
- provide suitable support and guidance so that students have a range of adults whom they can approach with confidence if they are experiencing difficulties;
- be vigilant in implementing all issues concerning Child Protection;
- provide, where possible, temporary accommodation during term time for day students when College activities make their return home difficult.

Staff involved in the boarding life of the College will receive regular professional training.

All members of the boarding team undergo a boarding induction when they join the team and all members of the team attend regular boarding staff meetings so that all are aware of, and understand, the requirements in boarding, any changes to normal routines and any students who require particular care from those on duty. Information sharing between the team is of paramount importance so that the students in our care have the opportunity to flourish.

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