

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.

Avita Pro Fide!

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.

Frequency of review: 3 years

Policy last reviewed: Michaelmas 2017

Next review date: Michaelmas 2020

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 happy and safe atmosphere for each student and member of staff;
- implement and develop a strong pastoral system through its Head of Boarding and regular contact with boarding tutors; Heads of House/Year; Form tutors; Infirmary; Chaplaincy; International Department
- 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 a student Head of Boarding and a Boarding Council;
- provide health and welfare care through the provision of matrons and the Infirmary;
- provide through the Boarding Activities Coordinator 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 in 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.

Boarding is an important and integral part of College life, spiritual, academic and extra-curricular. There is a Boarding Staff Handbook and this is issued to **every** member of staff, so that all are aware of and understand that we are as much a boarding school as we are a day school.