

BOARDING: STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE

Statement of Purpose

Standard 1 of the NMS for Boarding School states that -

“A suitable statement of the School’s boarding principles and practice is available to parents and staff, is made known to boarders and is seen to work in practice.”

This document should be read in conjunction with:

- Guidelines for Boarders at Barnardiston Hall
- Information for Parents and Guardians of new boarders

Boarding opportunities are offered to develop the pupil’s specific skills and build on their personal and social development. The School caters for boys and girls aged 6 months - 13 years. The Boarding House caters for the needs of boys and girls aged 7-13 years. (Can be younger, to 5 years in exceptional circumstances).

Barnardiston Hall offers a broad curriculum which balances the areas of creativity, ethics, linguistics, mathematics, physical development, scientific enquiry, religious culture and spiritual well-being, a sense of heritage and social development. **Above all, we wish to develop in our children a lively and enquiring mind.** We will provide an active, stimulating educational environment where pupils continue to develop and learn new skills to achieve an appropriate degree of independence.

There is an enriched Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHEE) programme focusing on self-help skills, social interaction, behaviour management, self-advocacy and personal development.

The current residential staff team (November 2018) are:

*	Colonel Keith Boulter	Headmaster and DSL
*	Mr Tom Cooper	Deputy Headmaster and Head of Boarding
*	Mrs Rachel Cooper	Residential Teacher
*	Mr Harvey Addison	GAP Student
*	Mr Matthew Scargill	GAP Student
	Mr Michael Jacques	Teacher
	Mrs Lucy Ecuyer	Teacher
	Miss S Wells	Teacher
	Mrs Debbie Bavester	Girls’ Day Matron
	Mrs Hayley Hart	Boys’ Day Matron
	Mrs Debbie Clifton	Evening Matron
	Sister Sue Durrant SRN	Medical Supervisor

*Live in the Boarding House

There is a commitment from the Senior Management of the School that all staff are adequately trained and supported to carry out their roles effectively. All hold current First Aid, Child Protection and Food Hygiene certificates. Local and National Boarding Conferences are attended. The School is a member of the Boarding Schools Association.

The School’s designated Child Protection Officer is Colonel Keith Boulter (Headmaster).

Medical needs are met under the supervision of Sister Sue Durrant SRN in the Surgery and San areas within the Boarding House. Please refer to **First Aid and the Administration of Medicines Policy**.

The School actively encourages prospective parents and sponsoring agencies to contact ISI and IAPS in order to gauge how our services are seen from an independent source. The residential provision of the School is inspected by ISI.

Pupils are admitted to the School according to the following criteria –

- They meet the admission policy of the School.
- There is space in their year group.
- Their individual mix of difficulties can be addressed within a particular group.

The residential department of the School can accommodate up to 60 children and young people each night of the week. Accommodation is in 2-6 bedded dormitories. Girl and boy boarders are accommodated in separate sleeping and bathroom areas. Residential Staff bedrooms and separate bathrooms are located throughout the Boarding House.

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