

## Statement of boarding Aims and Principles

Our most important aim for the boarders at Highfield is to provide a safe and happy **home-from-home** so the children can thrive and develop in a **warm, caring** and **supportive** environment.

### Boarding principles

- There is **mutual respect** for all members of the Boarding Community and it being an **open** and **trusting** environment.
- There is **equal opportunity** and **respect** for all boarders, regardless of ethnicity, culture, gender or dis-ability.
- Every boarder is to be treated as an **individual** and with respect by other pupils and staff.
- The staff and boarders acknowledge the right of each person to privacy.
- All boarders should be able to develop spiritually, culturally, morally and socially during their time at Highfield.
- Every boarder has the right to be able to work, play and relax **free from** abuse, intimidation, harassment, teasing and bullying.
- Close links with parents are seen as an indispensable part of the support and development of boarders at Highfield.

### Through Boarding we aim to:

1. Provide conditions for boarders to feel comfortable to be able **to turn to** members of staff for advice, counselling and support.
2. Create a **relaxed** and **friendly** atmosphere where everyone can learn and develop at a **pace that best suits them**.
3. Provide a range of activities which assists in the **development** of each boarder.
4. **Safeguard** and promote the **welfare** of each boarder.
5. Provide accommodation that is **comfortable** and **suitable** to the needs of the boarders.
6. Develop boarders' qualities of **leadership** and ability to work as part of a **team**.
7. Develop the **whole person**.
8. Create an atmosphere of **tolerance**, **openness** and **trust** in which teasing, harassment and bullying would find great difficulty of developing.
9. Develop boarders' responsibility for **self**, for **others** and for their **environment**.
10. Produce an **open** and **trusting** ethos.