



BRUTON SCHOOL

FOR GIRLS

Statement of Boarding Principles and Practice

In principle, and within the context of Bruton School for Girls, 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 child, as well as protecting the child from risk of suffering significant harm or neglect. In particular, boarding focuses on developing skills of children 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. ¹

An environment is provided which enables all boarders to work, play and relax free from abuse, intimidation, harassment and teasing.² All boarders have an acknowledged right to privacy. Equal opportunity is given to all, regardless of ethnicity, sex, culture, sexual orientation or disability.³ Equally these differences are recognised and respected.

Positive encouragement is given to all pupils to reach their potential intellectual growth. The vital links with parents and guardians are fostered to aid the development of all boarders in this school.

The safety and security of pupils is of paramount importance.⁴ Good health is promoted in partnership between the medical staff and the house staff. The programme of PSHE includes education on smoking, alcohol and substance abuse⁵, healthy eating and physical and emotional development.

In principle, any breach of common sense or common courtesy is a breach of the school code of conduct. A breach of the law of the land is a serious breach of that code. Housemistresses are always kept informed of disciplinary measures. All sanctions are recorded.⁶

At Bruton School for Girls, 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.

¹ School code of conduct

² Countering bullying; Safeguarding children policy

³ Equal opportunities statement

⁴ Health & Safety policy; Security policy

⁵ Abuse of Substances policy

⁶ Discipline policy

