

CARFAX

COLLEGE

Statement of Boarding Principals and Practice

Carfax College aims to provide a high-quality boarding provision which promotes the welfare of each individual and encourages his or her all round development.

We are aware that many of our boarding pupils will be living in a strange country with parents far away. Our aim is to create a sense of “home from home” where pupils can feel secure, supported and happy. We also aim is to embrace diversity and to promote tolerance.

Boarders are not discriminated against on the basis of cultural or linguistic background, special educational need, sexual orientation, or gender reassignment.

We aim to:

1. **Foster a culture of mutual respect:** We feel that this can best be achieved by encouraging individuals to be tolerant and sensitive to the needs of others. The College recognizes that people have different strengths and that their contributions can be diverse and valuable.
2. **Make pupils feel like they are one of the family:** Whilst they are staying with our host families, the pupils are encouraged to take part in family activities and traditions. As well as providing pupils with a greater sense of security, this can also help international pupils improve their English and foster a greater appreciation of cultures and traditions in the UK.
3. **Put the best interests of pupils first:** The welfare of our pupils should always be the primary consideration in any decision that is made concerning a pupil.
4. **Encourage a culture of sharing and talking:** The College feels that it is important for pupils to feel that there is someone with whom they can talk to about every day life, with whom they can share concerns or celebrate achievements. In the College, pupils have a range of staff who they can talk to. At home, host Families are also encouraged to foster a culture of sharing and talking with their pupils.