

## **BOARDING PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE**

Our mission statement is that Beechwood Sacred Heart intends to be a vibrant, caring School, providing an education based on Catholic, Christian principles, affordable to parents and attractive to pupils, enabling all who study here to achieve their full potential and equipping them to compete successfully in the outside world.

In addition, for our boarding pupils Beechwood aims to provide a high-quality boarding environment, which promotes the welfare of each individual in comfortable, safe and secure surroundings. In all that we do, we seek to preserve the privacy and individual dignity of each boarding pupil.

We also seek to ensure that the School fully meets the requirements of the National Minimum Standards for Boarding Schools, published under section 87C(1) of the Children Act (1989) and updated in September 2015, and as amended by the Care Standards Act (2000) and further amended in September 2011.

In order to achieve our overall aims, we have the following specific intentions:

- To develop in all pupils a care and concern for others
- To enable all pupils to gain a knowledge of and respect for people of other races and nationalities and their beliefs, cultures and ways of life, and to encourage them to live together harmoniously
- To enable all pupils to become confident, independent, self-disciplined adults, able to co-operate with others in a responsible and considerate manner
- To promote in all pupils respect of religious and moral values, especially those of the Catholic Church
- To conduct regular inspections of the boarding facilities and to implement an appropriate programme of maintenance and refurbishment
- To conduct regular risk assessments of the boarding facilities with respect to fire hazards and general health & safety

One of our stated aims for the whole School is that our pupils should enjoy a happy, friendly School with a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere. To achieve this aim, we seek to maintain our high standards with the minimum of prescription and written rules. Nevertheless, we appreciate that written policies and procedures are necessary in respect of the following:

- ◆ Child Protection
- ◆ Rewards and Sanctions
- ◆ Health & Safety
- ◆ Anti-bullying
- ◆ ICT Acceptable Use
- ◆ Smoking, Alcohol and Drugs
- ◆ Guidance for Room Searches

