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# Statement of Boarding Principles and Practice

At Rye we have four guiding principles for boarding:

# Be at Home

Our boarding community is a warm homely environment; a large family with pets and many siblings caring for each other. We want our boarders to be happy and involved in 'home' life plans. This is achieved through the student voice, weekly meetings and regular feedback opportunities. We involve all boarders in the planning of activities, menus, events and the structure of the boarding day. We offer a wide range of activities on and off site to suit all ages from Year 5 to Year 13, and these are aimed to educate through cultural enrichment, provide enjoyment, encourage team work and provide physical health benefits.

### Be Healthy and feel Safe

The Boarding Team at Rye is committed to making every boarder's experience the best it can be. Our aim is for every boarder to be healthy and to feel safe, and the welfare of every boarder is our priority. We achieve this through bespoke holistic care; meeting each individual boarder's physical, emotional, spiritual and personal needs by knowing each boarder individually; their likes and dislikes, their hobbies and interests.

Communication is the vital element to our pastoral success. Boarders are supported by a strong pastoral team who work seamlessly with school staff, the School Nurse, the Chaplain, parents and guardians to give continuous support and care. We provide nursing care and medical cover 24/7.and our boarding staff are all first aid trained.

# **Be Yourself**

Through our Christian Catholic ethos, we empower and encourage our girls to be thoughtful, care for others as well as themselves and to set personal goals and aspirations. We aim to have a bespoke programme to suit every individual's needs irrespective of whether they are a full, weekly or flexi boarder. We give opportunities for personal development and leadership, and we encourage involvement and recognition of their role in the wider community in today's modern democratic British society

# Be Respectful

Positive attitudes are promoted through mutual understanding of differences and the celebration of individuality. We encourage the development of tolerance, kindness and acceptance. Boarders work together to support and respect each other, and appreciate the richness of diversity of each boarder's cultural background.