

4.7.2 Statement of Boarding Practice – Covid Unfriendly! (NMS Policy B14, N1)

Organisation and admissions criteria

From September 2020 due to the current restrictions we are unable to offer any flexi boarding to avoid pupils sharing beds. Pupils can board on a weekly basis (Monday to Thursday) or for two nights or more during the week providing there is space available.

If pupils wish to board they must contact the Julie Gillam House Parent/Matron who will be able to assist with their request.

Management

Head of Boarding: Tim Fox

House Tutors: Clare O'Connell, Lorraine Turner, James Kanzig, Emma Grace Hill

House Parent / Boarding Matron: Julie Gillam

Day Matron: Angela Bouchard

Headmaster: William Trelawny-Vernon

Registrar: Emma Trelawny-Vernon

Tim will lead the boarding each night supported by Julie and one or two (depending on numbers) of the house tutors.

Boarding routine

0720 – Early morning call

0745 -Pupils will have their temperature taken in the snug

0755 – Breakfast

0825-1830- As for rest of school

1835-Wash hands, register, temperature check Evening meal

1915- Free time

2000-Shower into pajama's and then snacks / TV

2030-All except Year 7/8's into the dormitories

2045-Year 7's in

2100-Lights out for all

Free time

When pupils have free time in the evening they are able to participate in an organised activity or they can enjoy some time to themselves.

Examples of the activities on offer are:

Tree Tops, swimming, fishing, German Spot Light, Nerf Wars, Sports hall based activities such as football, badminton, dodgeball, unihoc for example.

Pupils can also opt to watch TV, read, play cards or use the games room playing snooker or table football.

In addition, the pupils are excellent at creating their own games utilizing the grounds (bumble bee for example) or in the house (playing wave or hide and seek). There are also trips to the theatre, bouncy castle evenings, x-factor competitions, lottery draws etc.

The activities on offer will be adapted to make sure they conform to the restrictions and guideline put in place. For example, we will not be able to play any games around the mansion such as hide and seek however we could do this in specific sections of the woods for example.

All pupils will have to be accompanied by staff members as they head upstairs or off to an activity. This is crucial to avoid crossing into other Year group bubbles.

Exams / Music

Pupils will have an opportunity to complete an additional ½ an hour study period, if they wish, each evening in the week leading up to and during their examinations.

Pupils have the opportunity to complete music practice on a Tuesday and Thursday evening or any morning at 7.45 before breakfast. TBC

Laundry

Every evening all pupils must place their PE kit, pants and socks, from their dormitory, into a string bag. All clothing must be washed each evening.

All clean clothes will then be returned to the pupils the following morning. Any un-named, unclaimed uniform will be placed outside the dormitories for collection.

Pupils are provided with a clean towel each night. Once used they must be placed in the basket ready to be washed. In the morning the pupils must also place their blue sheet in the wash as well.

Duvet covers, under sheets and pillow cases will be washed on rotation and winter duvets will be washed during the Easter holidays and summer duvets will be washed during the summer holidays.

Sleeping arrangements

Pupils will be placed in a dormitory with children of a similar age where possible. They will all have to stay in the same bed all week.

Each pupil will be given a box in which they can keep their personal belongings and a hook for their dressing gown. They are also allowed to personalise their dormitory space with posters and photographs.

Rules

There are few simple rules for those pupils who are boarding to remember in addition to the normal school values:

- Pupils are expected to sanitise as they enter the boarding area.
- Pupils are expected to keep their own dormitory area neat and tidy.
- No one is allowed up to the dormitories during the day.
- No food or drink is allowed in the dormitory area.
- No child can go into another dormitory at all.
- Pupils cannot change beds.
- Boarders must respect peoples' right to sleep, including staff.

If pupils need to be disciplined the boarding staff follow simple guidelines which differ slightly from the schools behavior policy. Pupils will not be given shows or minus marks as boarding must be seen as home from home rather than an extension of a school day. Therefore punishments include going to bed early, moving dormitories for example. For any serious offences the Head of Boarding will then follow the usual behavioral policy.

Location

All boarding accommodation is located on the top floor. Each dormitory has its own unique name and character.

Buckingham Palace
Ally Pally
Mall
Crystal Palace
Rookery
Savoy
The Tower

All dormitories have access to washing and toilet facilities.

The Matron has her sleeping accommodation on the top floor.

On the 1st floor there is a flat at the bottom of the stairs leading to the dormitories. This provides accommodation for Tim Fox and his family.

Medical Room

The Crow's Nest is the medical room also situated on the top floor.

Fire

Each term the pupils have to complete a fire practice. Any new boarders who may have missed this will be walked through the fire evacuation procedure.

Catering

The catering is provided by the school team currently led by Peter. They provide healthy, balanced and nutritious meals (taking into account special dietary needs) which complement the menus on offer during the school day. In addition to this Julie provided the pupils with a snack, fruit and drink before they go to bed. Drinking water is available at all times via the fountains.

Welfare

The list of children who board at Saint Ronan's is on display on the staff notice board in the Common Room. Members of the Common Room are aware of which children board and will liaise with the boarding staff over any academic, pastoral, sporting etc. matters that could affect the children.

Pupil welfare is discussed each week at the boarding meeting and full staff meeting and any information is collated onto ISAMS.

Pupils are also aware that they can approach any of the duty staff for help or advice.

A telephone is always available to allow pupils to contact home and there is an independent listener if required. (All details are posted by the pay phone or in the boarding area.)

Person responsible: TF

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