

BOARDING

PRINCIPLES & PRACTICES

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Underwood Hall is a small Year 5 and Year 6 mixed gender boarding house. This statement of principles and practices should be read in conjunction with the handbooks for boarders and for their parents and also with whole school and boarding policies.

In keeping with the school motto of **try hard, be kind, be you**, our fundamental aim is for all boarders to **try hard, be kind and to be themselves**. Therefore, we aim to provide an environment in which such values can flourish.

A more comprehensive overview of our aims are as follows:

For children to:

- Be happy and enjoy their boarding experience.
- Grow as individuals both in and out of the classroom.
- Be considerate, courteous, fair, honest, kind, helpful, and accepting of others
- Make long-lasting friendships.
- Be confident, independent and responsible.
- To foster a relaxed, structured and safe family environment:
 - Where it is very easy for kindness, acceptance and mutual respect to develop
 - Which is free from abuse, intimidation, harassment, teasing and bullying.
 - Where children are listened to.
 - Which is open and trusting
 - Where boarders feel that they can approach any other member of the community.
- To provide:
 - Breadth of experience.
 - Opportunity to help and serve others.
 - To provide challenge and choice.
- To ensure strong links between boarding and school.
- Ensure absolute equality of care and treatment as informed by the Equality Act, 2010 and the 'protected characteristics' covered therein.
- For the adults working in Underwood Hall to uphold these values and challenge behaviour that is not upholding of such values.