



“Teaching children to think intelligently, act wisely and be fully engaged in a challenging and changing world.”

Provision for Pupils with Particular Religious, Dietary, Language or Cultural Needs Policy October 2015

This policy has been developed with the school’s Christian values and principles as a Church of England School, at its foundation. Sexey’s School is a socially inclusive boarding and day school for boys and girls. As a school we reflect the range of differences that exist within society. Such differences provide a range of experiences, exchanges and learning for all.

Religious

Sexey’s School services are in the Anglican tradition, but reflect wide faith interest and are welcoming to and supportive of those who have other faiths or no faith. We visit St Mary’s, Bruton on a regular basis and other Anglican churches periodically. Any pupil who requests to be excluded from any religious practices may request an interview with the Headmaster to express their reasons for wishing to be excluded in this way. The Headmaster will make a fair and reasonable decision based on the evidence. Where possible, Sexey’s School will support pupils from other faiths who wish to attend a religious ceremony from another religion.

Dietary

Sexey’s School offers a broad range of options, including a comprehensive vegetarian option at all meals and an option for those whose religious beliefs preclude a certain ingredient. Where possible and practical, other sensible dietary needs (such as those following a gluten- or casein-free diet or require a Halah or Kosher diet) will be accommodated, as long as this has parental approval.

Language and Cultural

The English as an Additional Language (EAL) Department is extremely pro-active in caring for students’ language and cultural needs. The boarding houses celebrate the diversity of the international students through a range of inter-house and whole-school events, meals and celebrations.

Wherever possible, pupils will be helped to plan activities which hold cultural importance for them, but also encouraged to share these cross-culturally. Pupils may speak their own languages within the boarding houses in the evenings, but are made aware of the importance of being sensitive to others when doing this and are encouraged to broaden their range of friends by speaking English. Students are encouraged to speak English during the day and in lessons.

This policy will next be reviewed within three years:

Policy Holder: Headmaster

Chairman of Governors

Headmaster

Date

This policy was agreed at a Full Governors' Meeting on
Subsequent amendments have been made:

Amendment	Detail	Date	Made by
a	Halah and Kosher	21.4.17	IHL
b			
c			
d			