



Provision for Pupils with Particular Religious, Dietary, Language or Cultural Needs Policy 2019-2022

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We believe that all children and young people should have the same protection regardless of age, disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity. We are committed to anti-discriminatory practice and recognise the additional needs of children from minority ethnic groups and disabled children and the barriers they may face, especially around communication.

SCHOOL ETHOS AND VALUES

Our Christian values are at the heart of the ethos of the school and through these we grow individually and as a community. The Story of the Good Samaritan underpins our 7 core values of:

- Honesty
- Forgiveness
- Empathy
- Courage
- Resilience
- Kindness
- Respect

These core values underpin our policies, procedures and the way we treat one another in our community.

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 Headteacher to express their reasons for wishing to be excluded in this way. The Headteacher 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.

Review

This policy will be reviewed three yearly