



**Student access to a person
independent of the school staff group
Policy
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SLT Link	Boarding Manager
Governing Body Link	Safeguarding Governor

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.

Signed
Helen Cullen
Headteacher

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.

Policy Statement

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. This policy is relevant to boarders and day students, but the school recognises its particular responsibility to the boarding community in this respect as the students are away from the support they would normally rely upon from their families.

The school provides many opportunities for students to discuss problems and share their worries within the school. We also provide additional support using external, qualified counsellors. We recognise that there may be occasions when a student feels unable to speak to adults who work in school and wishes to speak to someone independent of the school.

Support systems

The independent person is Mrs Louise Reah.

Annually, Boarding Manager will contact the independent person to ensure they are aware of their responsibilities and check their DSB check is in place (through Human Resources).

Posters are displayed in the boarding houses of this independent persons contact details in case any member of the school community wishes to contact them.

Within Sexey's School Pastoral system there is a network of support. This comprises Form Tutors, Head of House; Boarding Tutors, staff in each Boarding House, Matrons, Health Centre staff. All members of Senior Leadership Team are willing and available for students to approach them. Additional support is offered by the school doctor.

Access to the school's counsellors is available via the Health Centre or Pastoral Support Team.

In keeping with NMBS, Standard 2.3, the School displays around the school and boarding houses, the contact number of the Children's Commissioner and other useful numbers for students to raise concerns or get advice.

- Children's Rights Director – 0800 5280731
- Childline – 0800 1111
- NSPCC – 0808 800 5000

- School Doctor – Dr. Gompertz– 01749 812310
- Somerset Social Services – 0300 1232224
- Somerset Police – 101

POLICY REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed on a three year basis by the Boarding Manager. This is so that it remains up to date, useful, and relevant. We will also regularly review it in accordance with local and national policy changes