



## **Statement of Boarding Principles and Practice**

Edge Grove School has a long history of boarding and believes that the holistic atmosphere of the school is greatly influenced by this aspect of the school community. Boarding is offered to those pupils (from the UK or overseas) who wish to board either as, weekly boarders (5 nights per week) or on a flexi-boarding basis. The ethos of the school is one of inclusion and support for boarders. The boarders are housed in the original building of the school in dormitories organised by age. The Headmaster and the Head of Boarding both live in the building along with their families, as does the Housemistress and other resident members of the boarding staff, all of whom work to maintain the smooth running of the boarding community and to enhance the quality of life of the pupils whilst they are in school.

### **Aims of Boarding at Edge Grove**

1. To safeguard and promote the welfare of each boarder by providing;
  - A safe, clean, comfortable, homely environment
  - A healthy lifestyle through personal hygiene management, controlled diet, exercise and medical care
  - A supporting and trusting ethos encouraging self-confidence and forgiveness based on a strong moral framework
  - Emotional support and spiritual guidance
2. To develop each boarder's ability to respond positively to responsibility.
3. To increase each boarder's level of independence.
4. To promote honesty and integrity in all matters.
5. To develop skills of social integration, tolerance and open-mindedness.