

Home at **HOLMEWOOD**

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Statement of Boarding Principles

At Holmewood House, we want our boarding pupils to feel happy, safe, and supported. Our boarding house is a place where children can grow, learn, and enjoy being part of a caring community.

A Home Away from Home

Boarders live in the Mansion House, which is warm, secure, and well-supervised. It's more than just a place to stay - it's a home where friendships are made, support is always available, and everyone feels they belong.

We believe boarding helps children become confident, independent, and respectful of others. It's a chance to learn life skills, build character, and enjoy new experiences.

Support and Guidance

Each boarder has a form teacher or assistant who checks in regularly to help with schoolwork and personal wellbeing. Our houseparents, teachers, medical staff, and the whole Holmewood community work together to make sure every child feels cared for and supported.

Celebrating Everyone

We welcome children from all backgrounds and celebrate what makes each person unique. We promote kindness, fairness, and respect, and we make sure everyone has the same chance to succeed and feel included.

Positive Behaviour and Friendships

Boarders learn what good behaviour looks like and why it matters. We encourage respectful friendships and help children understand different points of view. Living together teaches teamwork, tolerance, and empathy.

Time Well Spent

Boarding gives children more time for learning, hobbies, and fun without long journeys to and from school. Evenings and weekends are filled with exciting activities, and there's always something to look forward to.

Facilities and Safety

Our boarding house has plenty of showers, washing areas, and shared spaces like a common room (the nest) and cinema room and the creative room for Art and Music practice. Pupils can use school computers and the internet safely, with strong policies in place to protect them online.