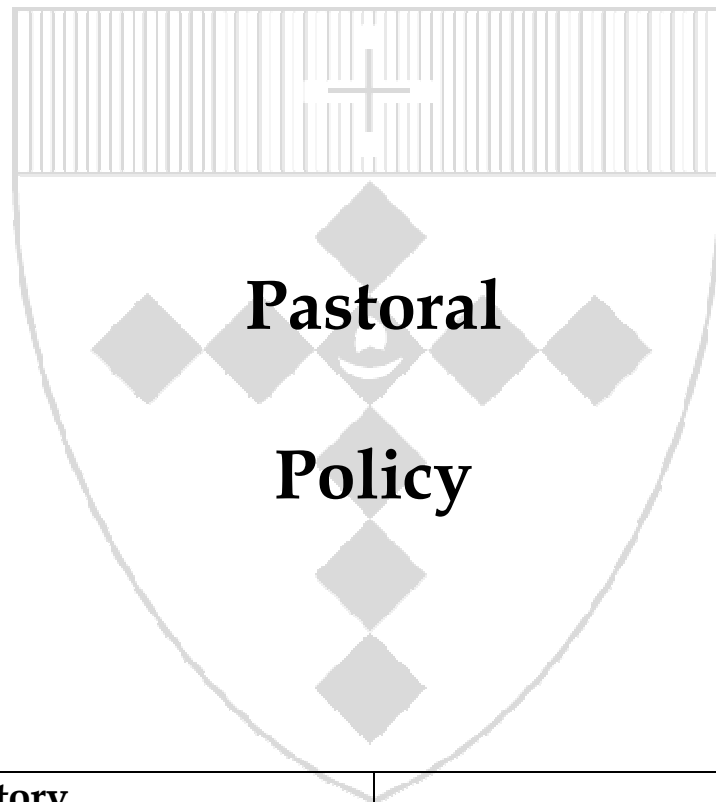




Brigidine School Windsor



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Brigidine School is a very happy community where the pastoral care of every individual is paramount. This care is sustained by the entire staff as a means of assisting and supporting the learning experience of each and every pupil in the school. The ethos of the School is first and foremost pastoral which ensures a caring and secure learning environment where every child feels valued.

At Brigidine School we aim to:-

- **Promote the spiritual, moral social and cultural development of the pupils**
- **Assist pupils to develop their own life-style and to respect that of others**
- **Help prepare pupils for educational choice**
- **Offer guidance or counselling to bring about autonomous action**
- **Support the subject teaching**
- **Maintain an orderly atmosphere in which all this is possible**

The class teachers and the form tutors are central to the pastoral care system. They are the first point of contact for the children and because the class sizes and tutor groups are small the teachers are aware of the needs of every individual in their care. In the Junior School and EYFS the teachers are supported by the Head of Juniors. In the senior school the form tutors are supported by Head of each Key Stage, the Director of Welfare and the Headmistress.

Parents are encouraged to contact the school immediately if they have concerns about their child and they can readily organise meetings with appropriate members of staff to discuss their child's welfare. Similarly any concerns about individual are brought to the Pastoral meeting which takes place weekly and parents are contacted if this is deemed necessary.

There is a weekly programme of Life Skills/PSHE designed for each specific age range, to encourage self-esteem and to help our pupils develop informed opinions on many social and moral issues. This programme is delivered mainly by the class teacher or form tutor. Outside agencies assist in the delivery of certain aspects of the programme such as drug education and sex education.

The Brigidine Buddies also play an important role in the pastoral care system. In the Senior School they are Year 11 pupils who have been trained as active listeners. They give up their time to help younger members of the community with any problems that they may have. They are supported by the Director of Welfare and the Buddy Captain and are advised to alert a member of the pastoral team if any concerns come to light. In the Junior School the Year 6 pupils are selected as Little Buddies and provide friendship to the little ones in times of need.

The culture throughout the whole school is one of tolerance, openness and mutual respect. These values are promoted in assemblies usually led by our senior staff but also by the pupils themselves. The School Council is made up of pupils from every year in the school and at their regular meetings they discuss issues which affect everyone in the community.