



# ABINGDON

## **Personal Relationships**

Abingdon School is a place for a wide range of friendships. Therefore, boys should pay close attention to the guidelines below, which are designed to help them to get the most out of school life and to make certain what is expected of them as members of the School.

1. In any relationship, it is essential to consider the feelings of the other person and one must avoid putting pressure on them to do anything they do not want.
2. Causing embarrassment to others is unacceptable. Accordingly it is inappropriate in public to engage in affectionate behaviour which could embarrass others, whether adults or pupils. This applies to all parts of the School, including the Coach Park, and at all times.
3. Boys engaging in sexual activity deemed inappropriate by the School must expect to be permanently excluded.
4. It is totally wrong to engage in sexual harassment or verbal bullying of a sexual kind. Such behaviour is unacceptable and will be treated in the same way as other forms of intimidating behaviour. (Please see the Anti-Bullying Policy for further details.)
5. The same rules and guidelines apply on all School trips, both during term time and in the school holidays.
6. Boarding houses are a home to many boys and should be respected as such. Boys from other houses may sign in with a boarder from that house and then they remain the responsibility of that boarder whilst in the house. However visitors must only visit communal rooms.

It is impossible to give precise rulings which will deal with every conceivable situation; nevertheless, these guidelines clearly set out the social behaviour that we expect from members of the School at all times.

### **Deputy Head Pastoral**

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