



## **Pupils with Particular Religious, Dietary, Language or Cultural Needs Policy**

At Abingdon School we believe in actively promoting the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. As a school we do not discriminate against pupils on the basis of protected characteristics, which include: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion and belief, sex, sexual orientation. We are keen to provide a comfortable environment for boys from a variety of different backgrounds creating a lively and tolerant mix of cultures.

Although the school is in the Anglican tradition, the Chapel is a place where spiritual matters can be explored in a variety of ways. At weekends, boys are allowed to attend religious services of their own choosing if they so wish.

We are keen to support boys in terms of language provision through our EAL department. (Please see the separate EAL policy for further details of how this is achieved.) We ensure that any students dietary concerns are taken into account and that they are provided with food that is appropriate for them. This is monitored through regular contact between the boarders, the boarding staff and the catering department.

We seek to celebrate the differences we find among our students, using events such as European Day of Languages and celebrations of different New Years to promote this end.

Abingdon School is keen to promote the acknowledgement and respect for difference. This is reflected in other policies, such as our Anti-Bullying Policy, and supported through our tutoring and PSHCE programmes. All reasonable provision will be made for pupils with particular religious, dietary, language or cultural needs by the appropriate departments. The housemaster and tutor will coordinate such provision with all relevant departments, academic and non-academic.

We have adopted, as appropriate, the guidance given in [The Equality Act 2010: advice for schools](#).

### **Deputy Head Pastoral**

Last internal review: May 2018

Last governor review: May 2018

Next governor review: May 2019