



**THE PERSONAL AND SOCIAL
EDUCATION POLICY
For St. James' School**

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The Policy in St. James' School is to support and promote attitudes, behaviour and understanding conducive to good health and well-being. Due regard is given to other influences such as family, community, peer group, media and legislation. Personal and Social Education within St. James' is seen both as a part of the formal curriculum and as an aspect which permeates the ethos of the school.

THE ETHOS OF ST JAMES' SCHOOL

St James' School aims to provide a caring Christian environment for pupils and staff, promoting regular opportunities for worship and service. It is our aim to envisage the School as one big family, which extends to the families of pupils, academic and ancillary staff. Beyond this, the School aims to stretch out towards a larger grouping of our neighbours in the community and the families of our children. The pupils and staff are encouraged to see themselves as part of the local community and to extend their ideas of service beyond the immediate confines of the school.

Although the school is a Church of England School, pupils of other faiths and denominations are welcomed as members and their beliefs and traditions are respected. They are encouraged to participate fully in their own religious observances, even if, on occasion, this may involve them being absent from school.

All pupils are expected to attend the School Assemblies and services for particular occasions at Grimsby Minster, as close links are maintained with this Church. The boarders are invited to attend the service of their choice at St. James' each Sunday.

Although the School does not issue a formal list of rules, the Pupil's Handbook provides a series of guidelines which promotes the individual's code of behaviour. Pupils are expected to show consideration for the interests of other members of the school community and for its general well-being. They are encouraged to treat people inside and outside with courtesy and respect. Visitors should be welcomed and shown (not directed) where to go by the older pupils. Prefects, who are appointed to help the School run more smoothly, should be supported.

It is a further aim of the policy for Social Development within St. James' School to afford pupils the opportunities to socialise at all stages of their school careers and to develop their social awareness. To this end, the School endeavours to provide facilities for the children to partake in choir, groups, ensembles and orchestra. There is the opportunity for children to perform music, public speaking and drama before their peers and in public. Involvement in outside visits, societies within the community (Grimsby Philharmonic Choir, Lincolnshire Cricket Lovers) and community projects also encourage the individual's development. In addition, at a senior level, the pupils are given opportunities to mix with adults on equal terms through the introduction of outside speakers, involvement in the social side of Award Ceremony Day and sporting events (Jacobean events). Involvement in cultural events, conferences and the Parent-Teacher Association Annual Ball are actively promoted and found to be beneficial.

Pupils should value their own self-respect and the good name of the School. They should remember that all members of the School are subject to the ordinary laws of the land at all times. They should also remember that the general welfare of the School depends much more on the self-discipline, mutual respect and common sense of its members than on external discipline and punishment.