



# ALDRO

## **Boarding Principles NMS 1**

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Boarding at Aldro is offered to:

- Be a useful preparation for life at senior schools
- Be a beneficial way for children to learn to live and mix with others; both of their own and other ages and cultures.
- Be a benefit for children through making the best use of time, for both work and leisure pursuits
- Give children the maximum opportunity to use Aldro's many facilities.

We aim to make boarding an enriching experience where young people can develop socially and personally in their confidence, organisation, and leadership. This is achieved in a friendly, family orientated environment that cultivates mutual respect.

Boarders can join the boarding house in all Forms, so any pupil is eligible to join should there be availability. If the pupil is joining the school, they can register their place at the time of joining with the Admissions Manager. At other times they should contact the Housemaster or Housemistress.

Boarding at Aldro is structured in the following way: all Boy boarders live in the main school building and Girl Boarders live in Courtyard Cottage. The Boys Boarding House is run by the Housemaster and the Girls Boarding House is run by the Housemistress; in combination with other House Tutors who are also members of the school's Teaching Staff, the Matrons and Gap Students.

Boarding time commences at 6pm on weekdays and offers pupils the opportunity to do further school activities, complete their work in private study, have time for music practice, evening activities and free time.

Pupils can board either part-time or full-time in order to prepare them for senior schools and later life. We encourage the boarders to increase the number of nights that they board as they go through the school and have a minimum number of nights for older year groups.

In an effort to prepare for boarding at a senior school the pupils are given their own area for the term, which is their responsibility to look after.

Most staff are first aid qualified, and there is always a school matron on duty to administer medicines, and to be available for more serious medical matters.

The school seeks to offer a high standard of catering. All dietary requirements are taken into consideration each evening and fruit is available in the Boarding House.

The boarders are able to give suggestions and feedback about boarding life which includes weekly Boarding Prefect meetings, half termly Boarding Council meetings and a termly food committee meeting.

The boarding house has a fully equipped Laundry. Boarders' clothes are washed, ironed and returned within 24 hours.

The boarding house recognises the importance of regular communication between boarders and their parents. The Boarding House have landline phones available, however pupils can have mobile devices but must sign the 'Mobile Device Policy' explaining acceptable use. All boarders have access to email facilities. Posting facilities are provided if required.

There are staff, parent and pupil handbooks which are distributed and explain organisation, expectations and rules. The children's handbook contains a section which explains what a pupil can do if he feels worried about something or wishes to complain about something.