

Students' Welfare

Houses and Tutor Groups

Pastoral care of students is provided through a form tutor who is responsible for a form group of approximately 25 students. The form group is made up of students from year groups 7-11 and this form group will register together in the morning registration period at 8.45 a.m.

Every form is a member of a house, which has a Head of House who is responsible for supporting tutors in their pastoral role.

Each subject is led by a Head of Department who is responsible for the standards in that subject. Tutors see students once each day and therefore have an opportunity to get to know them really well. They are responsible for monitoring students' attendance and academic progress and offering support and guidance.

The Heads of House work closely with their team of tutors in ensuring that every student in the House has the opportunity to achieve their potential. The intention is that tutors and Heads of House remain with their groups throughout the school. As tutors and Heads of House have a general overview of students in their care, they will probably be the two staff at the school that you will have the most contact with.

Additional support is provided by the Deputy Headteachers and the Assistant Headteacher responsible for Inclusion and Child Protection. The school has coordinators for Special Educational Needs and Minority Ethnic Achievement along with their teams of Teaching Assistants as appropriate. The school also has Parent Support Advisors working with some families and will also make referrals to the Educational Welfare Service and other agencies.

Medical Facilities

The school has very limited facilities for dealing with students who are ill. We make every effort to contact parents/carers as soon as possible to inform them of any issues concerning their child. For this reason it is of vital importance that we have up-to-date home, work and emergency telephone numbers for each student. We will ask you to update these on a termly basis.

No tablets or medicines may be given by school staff without parents'/carers' permissions and students' following a course of treatment should leave their medicine in the care of the school office staff. However, asthma pumps should be carried at all times. We do need to know of any medical condition that your child has so that we can take appropriate action in emergencies. We will make every effort to contact you immediately if an accident occurs.