



HOLMWOOD HOUSE SCHOOL

Statement of the School's Overnight Stays Principles and Procedures

Overnight stays at Holmwood aim to be rewarding and enjoyable where friendships are strengthened and independence grows. The school sees overnight stays as about character development and enriching the offer of the school. Overnight stays at Holmwood are generally based around theme nights or experiences, rather than providing a regular once a week stay away from home.

All pupils at Holmwood are day pupils and most pupils have been in the school prior to staying overnight on a casual basis. Through the experience of staying overnight at the school, pupils are able to benefit from the facilities, to strengthen friendships and begin to learn how to be independent. Our boarding model means that pupils only stay over one night at a time, so maximum contact is maintained with the parents. If any issues arise the close proximity of the parents' homes to the school make a speedy return home possible. Overnight Stays at Holmwood are a good introduction to boarding life for any pupil who wishes to go on to a senior school which offers flexi or full time boarding.

Pupils staying overnight are deemed to be day pupils from 8.15am – 6.15pm. For regulatory requirements, outside these times, the pupils are referred to as 'boarders'. Continuity for the boarders is maintained through the school's pastoral care system.

The Aims of Overnight Stays at Holmwood:

To experience community living, developing character qualities such as tolerance, flexibility and understanding the needs of others.

To provide a wider experience of school life involving trips out in evenings and deepen friendships.

To prepare those who are going on to a senior boarding school.