



Oakfield School

11. Provision for Pupils with Particular Religious, Dietary, Language or Cultural Needs

To be Reviewed:	July 2020
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POLICY STATEMENT

Oakfield School is committed to enabling pupils to pursue their own religious and cultural beliefs.

PROCEDURE

The school will ensure each pupil is encouraged to specify his or her own religious and/or cultural preferences. Families/Carers/Advisors may be able to assist if the pupil agrees. This topic will be discussed with the family during the admissions process, and all requirements discussed and agreed.

All reasonable steps will, thereafter, be taken to ensure each pupil is afforded the opportunity to pursue their religious and/or cultural beliefs in an atmosphere that is supportive and enabling and wherever possible in the company of likeminded individuals as preferred and including attending religious services, identifying suitable venues for religious observance and following any specific regimes in terms of meeting spiritual needs.

The school will not promote any particular form of religious beliefs but will provide support, guidance and information on a range of religious and cultural followings.

Where necessary, staff will be trained in the awareness of others cultural and religious beliefs and should ensure they respect the pupils’ rights and choices.

All reasonable steps will be taken in supporting pupils to follow their religious beliefs.

Staff should also ensure that they are aware of any dietary requirements associated with specific religions/cultures. This information should be clearly indicated within the pupil’s Main File and followed at all times. This should also be for pupils who follow a vegetarian diet.

Use of interpreters is as and when required, as is the presentation of information in multiple language formats, including Braille.

This Policy was reviewed July 2018

Signed:

Mr Lee Morfitt (Chair of Governors)