

Dear Guest

### **Welcome to Pardes House!**

Let me tell you a little bit about a school we are very proud of. Pardes House is a voluntary-aided Orthodox Jewish boys' school, providing high quality Jewish and secular education to 356 boys. Our goal is to ensure that our pupils are equipped to successfully live a religious observant life and excel in their lives in the world around them. Our pupils are taught to value truth, honesty, good Middos (positive character traits), respect for everyone, a lifelong love of learning, hard work and to exert self-discipline.

It is important to us and we believe it is our civic (as well as legal) duty to promote British Values in the curriculum and elsewhere in school life. I know you will see many examples of this around the school. We also pride ourselves on being a warm, welcoming school and with a staff that are very collegiate towards the boys and each other. I hope you will experience that too while you are here with us.

At Pardes House we take the safeguarding and protection of children very seriously. All visitors to our school including contractors, volunteers and external support staff are expected to uphold the highest levels of safeguarding practise when on our premises. This includes:

- Checking in and out with Security upon arrival and when leaving the school.
- Signing in and out with the school office upon entry and exit from the premises.
- Not going into any parts of the school that do not pertain to your reason for being here.
- Not using mobile phones in public places in the school.
- Taking photos with a camera may only be done if accompanied by a member of the senior staff.
- Wearing an ID badge at all time.
- Ensuring you are never in a place in the school alone with a child or group of children.
- Using staff toilets only.

*\* A safeguarding leaflet for all visitors is available on the counters by the school office.*

Following these expectations is the safest way to ensure both you and our children are secure on our premises. If you observe anything while you are here of a safeguarding issue or giving you cause for concern, please speak with a member of the school's Child Protection Team. The team includes the Headteacher: Rabbi Sager, Menahel (Religious Principal): Rabbi Roitenbarg, Deputy Menahel: Rebbe Aisenthal, Pastoral Leader: Mrs Davis and Early Years Leader, Mrs Steinberg.

Due to the religious Jewish ethos of the school, dress code is very important. All teachers must dress in a modest fashion and, as this is a uniformed school, it is important that teachers model the smartness that they expect from the pupils. Male members of staff are expected to wear at least smart trousers and a shirt (suit/tie are not compulsory). Female teachers should make sure that elbows and knees should be covered at all times (when walking and sitting). Skirts should not have a slit, blouses/tops should not be tight and dresses should be high cut, i.e. showing no skin below the collar bone. Hosiery should be worn at all times. Culottes or trousers cannot be worn. Jewish married women must cover their hair.

Thank you for your cooperation and I hope you enjoy your visit.

Yours sincerely,

*Rabbi J Sager*

Rabbi Joel Sager  
Headteacher