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Statement of Boarding Principles and Practice



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Introduction

EF Academy Torbay is an independent international boarding school for students aged from 14 to 19. The school aims to open a world of opportunities for high school students through a superior education, thorough preparation for university and a future which knows no borders.

Not only does studying in our global classroom promote academic excellence, it develops superior social skills, and helps our students begin building a network of friends and contacts that span across the entire world. The global curriculum at EF Academy offers our students the chance to experience all of these. We lay the foundation for leadership roles in multinational organizations, whether that's at home or abroad.

EF Academy Torbay is everything a student can expect from a world-class boarding school first-rate learning environment, modern facilities, gifted teachers, and a highly personalised approach to each student's academic development. The school is deeply committed to preparing our students for tomorrow's international world.

The Management of Boarding

The Deputy Head (Boarding and Pastoral) has overall responsibility for boarding and the welfare of all students and reports directly to the Head Teacher. This includes responsibility for the school's boarding residences and host families. Key issues concerning the safety, care and welfare of boarders are discussed and considered in Senior Leadership Team meetings, the Pastoral Board meetings and the Student Casework Group.

The Deputy Head (Boarding and Pastoral) has management responsibility for the Guidance Counsellors, School Nurse and the Accommodation and Welfare Team. The residence house parents report to the Accommodation Officer, who is part of the Accommodation and Welfare team, and they hold responsibility for student discipline in residence.

The Deputy Head (Boarding and Pastoral) is the Designated Lead for Safeguarding and ensures that all employees of the school have received the relevant level of safeguarding training and that this training is refreshed regularly and in-line with best practice guidance.

Boarding Accommodation

Boarding accommodation is provided in two forms; boarding residence and homestay, also known as 'host families'.

Boarding Residence



The school provides boarding accommodation in three locations in shared rooms with shared bathroom facilities. Each residence is approximately a five minute walk from each other and approximately a ten to fifteen minute walk from the school. Residences cater for both genders and all ages, although the school will define particular residences by gender or age group, depending on a number of factors that the school will consider prior to the allocation of rooms.

The three boarding residences are leased under contract by the school from the owners of the properties.

Boarding Residence Location

Mount Nessing	Brampton Court	The Allerdale
St Luke's Road North, Torquay, TQ2 5UD.	St Luke's Road South, Torquay, TQ2 5NZ.	Croft Road, Torquay, TQ2 5PD.
A maximum of 20 boarders, currently designated for boarders of both genders aged under 16.	A maximum of 38 boarders, currently designated for female boarders aged 16 and over.	A maximum of 36 boarders, currently designated for male boarders and 16 and over.

Catering, cleaning and maintenance are provided at the Mount Nessing and Brampton Court residences by the proprietors of the Brampton Court Hotel under contract with the school. The proprietors of the Allerdale are responsible for catering, cleaning and maintenance at the Allerdale residence under contract with the school.

Pastoral care and welfare in each residence is supervised by a designated house parent who 'lives in' the residence and is on-call overnight. House parents are trained to fulfill their roles effectively, including being qualified first aiders and have undergone vetting procedures as defined by the schools recruitment and selection policy and safer recruitment practices prior to their employment with the school.

Each Residence has its own separate social and recreation spaces, dining facilities, including a space for boarders to prepare and consume snacks and refreshments and study/ICT facilities. The house parents working in conjunction with the School's Enrichment and Activities team provide a programme of activities for evenings and weekends. All students are provided with a safe to allow for the safe storage of items of value.

The school welcomes students of all faiths and cultures and values the diversity that this brings. Both the School and Residences provide access to a Prayer room and contemplative space.



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Homestay

Those boarders who do not choose the school's boarding residences are accommodated by host families across the town of Torquay. Currently homestay accommodation is provided to all boarders who choose not to stay in the school's residences. The homestay families are located either within 20 minutes walking distance of the school or on good quality bus routes.

Homestay families offer an opportunity for a student to experience life within a UK family environment. Rooms offer shared accommodation with shared bathroom facilities. All rooms provide a desk and access to wifi. Meals are taken with the host family and laundry facilities are also provided by the host family at a cost to the student.

All homestay families undergo rigorous vetting and checking procedures prior to a student being placed with them. All families receive an annual visit and check to ensure that they are meeting school standards. Each family receives safeguarding training and is made aware of the relevant school policies and procedures and how to implement them.

Students aged under 16 who are accommodated by host families, are subject to additional checks conducted by the local authority children's services private fostering team, to ensure that their accommodation is of a suitable standard. These checks occur every six weeks.

School Nurse

The School Nurse is available for both school and residence five-days a week. The School Nurse provides support and advice to students on all health, well-being and medical matters. The Nurse is responsible for the implementation of all health, well-being and medical policies.

Dedicated medical facilities are available in both the school and boarding residences. Out of hours' access is provided by the local GP surgery and hospital and all students are registered with a doctor.

Providing Feedback or Making a Complaint about our Boarding Accommodation

Students are encouraged to complete a centrally generated survey each term. This gives the School important feedback on the quality of our boarding accommodation and our facilities. Students who have immediate issues are asked to speak to the guidance counsellors, the accommodation and welfare team or a member of the academic team. Any concerns or issues will be dealt with promptly.

Students can also share their feedback via the regular student council and residential house meetings.



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Formal complaints can be made by following the school's complaints policy, a copy of which can be obtained from the school website <http://www.ef.co.uk/academy/campuses/torbay/>

The guidance counsellor team provides ongoing support, advice and care to our students. All academic and support staff, and not just those with specific pastoral responsibility, take a real and genuine interest in the well-being of all students at EF Academy Torquay.