



**RMS**  
FOR GIRLS

## RELIGIOUS, DIETARY, LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL NEEDS POLICY

<b>School update</b>	
Responsible for review of policy	Deputy Head Pastoral
Last school update	January 2026
<b>Governor Sub-Committee approval</b>	
Sub Committee to review and approve	Pastoral
Review Period	3 years
Last Sub-Committee review date	January 2026
Scheduled review	January 2029
<b>Approved by Sub Committee (Meeting date)</b>	10 February 2026
Next Sub-Committee Review	February 2029
Related policies	Equal opportunities EAL policy Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural policy Fasting Policy
Uploaded to Staff Shared	February 2026
Uploaded to Website	February 2026

## **1. PROVISION FOR PUPILS WITH PARTICULAR RELIGIOUS, DIETARY, LANGUAGE OR CULTURAL NEEDS**

1.1 RMS is an inclusive school that welcomes pupils from a variety of backgrounds, cultures and faiths. The School endeavours to make all pupils feel welcome as part of the community and to meet their particular needs.

## **2. FAITH**

2.1 Assemblies are inclusive and stress the significance of spirituality rather than any particular faith. The festivals of major world faiths are recognised and pupils and staff from other faith groups are invited to contribute to assemblies. This is led by our Faith Leader.

2.2 We have a prayer room in Hind House for pupils and staff. This room can also be used for meditation sessions for staff and pupils.

2.3 Our uniform may be appropriately adjusted for faith reasons, for example, trousers are part of our uniform. The hijab is acceptable but full face or body covering are not permitted. Any queries regarding this should be directed to Deputy Head Pastoral or Head of Year who will liaise with Sarah Elder, our Faith Leader for her advice.

2.4 Religious events for all members of our community are held e.g. Eid.

## **3. DIET**

3.1 The catering staff are keen to meet the needs of particular children for a range of reasons. Vegetarian options are always available as are gluten free options. Variations may be made so that a salad is offered with or without an ingredient consisting of pork.

3.2 Menus are devised to recognise the festivals of pupils from all over the world, for example Chinese New Year so that the whole community is able to celebrate such occasions whether during the day or in boarding.

3.3 The Catering department liaise with any family/pupil who has particular dietary requirements due to food allergies to safely prepare and provide food for specific needs.

## **4. LANGUAGE AND CULTURE**

4.1 There is extensive provision for pupils with English as an Additional Language (covered in relevant policies).. An Overseas Boarding prefect is appointed annually.

4.2 All efforts are made for a native speaker to speak with any pupil if necessary and appropriate.