



## South Wilts Grammar School for Girls

### SCHOOL AIMS

South Wilts is a progressive grammar school for girls which aims to maintain high academic standards and cultural achievement within a caring environment. We seek to encourage responsibility and personal fulfilment so that students attain their maximum potential. The School is dynamic and works with the community to prepare its students for life-long learning and adult independence.

South Wilts Grammar School values and respects all students equally and aims to provide equality of opportunity wherever possible.

### APPROPRIATE TEACHING MATERIAL POLICY

#### **Aim**

To ensure that teaching resources and materials used at South Wilts are appropriate for the age and gender of our students and are in keeping with the ethos of the school.

#### **Rationale**

It is difficult to achieve a consensus on what constitutes appropriate material. Some material used to develop learning may contain elements that some stakeholders may consider to be inappropriate. These include profane language, sexual and religious elements.

The policy aims to provide guidance for staff on deciding what sort of material is considered acceptable for use whilst maintaining a balance between the protection of students and the desire for staff to use material they feel will benefit teaching.

It is intended to protect both students and staff and should be read in conjunction with the; Child Protection and Self Harm Policy, Sex Education Policy and the Equality Opportunities Policy

It should also outline a mechanism by which staff get material approved.

#### **Policy**

When selecting material staff should be conscious of the type of material / task that may be of a controversial nature. Types of material would include those with;

- Sexual swear words,
  - Sexual references,
  - Excessive violence,
  - Material that could be offensive to religious groups.
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- Material should be suitable for the age of the students.
  - Staff should gain approval from their line manager before teaching controversial material.
  - The policy applies to all parts of the curriculum and media such as lessons, coursework, research, practicals, performances, visits and activities.
  - The teaching of approved controversial material should be done with sensitivity and caution.

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Curriculum	Summer 2018	3-yearly	Summer 2021	Non statutory	Yes