



Counsellor Policy

Policy number	BS019
Applies to	Whole School
Endorsed by	Head Master
Responsibility	Head Master
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The School has a retained counsellor to improve the pastoral care still further and to address some of the issues raised in the Children Act.

The counsellor, Mrs Amanda Horlick-Coutts, has her own consulting room and appointments can be made directly or through the School Nurse. A time is also set aside for visits without appointment. Mrs Amanda Horlick-Coutts is at School three afternoons per week. Although her main role is as an independent counsellor to the boys, she is involved from time to time with INSET for staff on pastoral matters. It is important, however, that this does not compromise her role as an independent counsellor, and she works under the confidentiality guidelines of the British Association of Counselling.

Boys may if they wish approach the Chaplain for moral, spiritual and other advice. Where counselling and medical issues are involved and overlap, the School Medical Centre and Mrs Horlick-Coutts work in co-operation.

For INSET Mrs Horlick-Coutts will work in conjunction with the Designated Safeguarding Lead. Mrs Horlick-Coutts acts as the School's independent agent in relation to the Children Act.