

Bowden House School – Statement of Purpose Student Version

About Our School

Bowden House is a special school where you can learn, feel safe, and get support. Some students live here during the week. We want everyone to do well in lessons, make friends, have great experiences, and enjoy their time with us.

Keeping You Safe

Your safety is the most important thing. If you are worried about anything, you can talk to any member of staff, your key worker, or the Safeguarding Lead. We also have an Independent Person you can speak to. Their job is to listen to you and check that you are happy and safe. You will receive a card with their contact details and they will visit the school from time to time to say hello.

Our Staff

We have a team of staff who look after you in lessons and in the residential building. The Headteacher and the Head of Care make sure everything runs well. Staff are trained to help you, keep you safe, and support you with schoolwork and life skills.

Looking After Your Health

We help you stay healthy. You will be registered with a local doctor, dentist, and optician if needed. Staff support you to go to appointments and will keep your parents or carers informed. If you need medicine, trained staff will look after it and help you take it safely. We also encourage exercise, good food, rest, and activities that support your wellbeing.

Fun in the Evenings

Evenings are split into two activities: one before dinner and one after dinner. You and your friends help choose what activities happen through your group meetings. Activities include swimming, going to the park, cinema, bowling, eating out, or watching sports. At school you can also use the sports hall, music, or IT rooms in the evenings.

How to Speak Up

If you are unhappy or want to make a complaint, you can talk to any staff member, write a note for the worry box, or speak to the Independent Person. You can also contact Ofsted or the Children's Commissioner if you feel you need to. Your views are important and will be listened to. All information about who to contact and how you can do this is displayed in each group.

Checking We Do a Good Job

We are always checking how well we are doing. Staff, leaders, and governors look at what is going well and what could be better. You and your family can give feedback, and we use this to make improvements. An Independent Visitor also checks the school and residential provision regularly.