



Our Mission Statement – the reason our College exists

“Learning & Growing in the Light of the Gospel”

With Christ at the centre of our learning, we:

- *Help young people to achieve their greatest potential*
- *Guide their intellectual growth, nurture their God-given talents, and inspire them to live in service to others*
- *Aim to develop honest, confident, responsible and compassionate members of society, based on the educational values of Blessed Antonio Rosmini*

Our Vision Statement – the long-term change resulting from our work

‘ Encouraging Big Ideas’

Ratcliffe’s unique educational offering based on our College motto, “Legis Plenitudo Charitas”, Love is the fulfilment of the Law, provides a perfect context within which young people may acquire the emotional knowledge and interpersonal skills necessary to live happy and purposeful lives. The College’s inclusive Catholic ethos is complemented by the outstanding quality of our College community through which our Mission, “Learning and Growing in the Light of the Gospel”, serves to nurture resilience and develop maturity. Young people leave Ratcliffe with a strong sense of who they are and their purpose in the world, equipped socially, emotionally, morally, and spiritually to go forth and make a difference to the communities in which they live and work.

POLICY ON THE AREAS OF SCHOOL THAT ARE OUT OF BOUNDS
This policy has been written for the Senior School only

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Rationale

Sixth Form areas and other designated Senior School areas, such as the Preparatory School and the Nursery, can only be visited by those in the appropriate year groups or those with express permission from a member of staff.

The classroom blocks, except during lesson and prep time, can only be visited by those collecting something from their own locker room.

Day students may not visit boarding houses or the boarders' lounge.

The following areas of the school are out of bounds:

- The sports hall, swimming pool and surrounds, changing rooms, theatre, music hall, all-weather pitches and tennis courts except for staff supervised lessons and activities.
- The area around the back of the swimming pool and the side of the Theatre.
- The woods and playing fields beyond the cricket nets and score box, the Aerodrome buildings, and playing fields.
- The grass areas beyond the main tree-line at the front of School down the slope towards the A46.
- The grass area adjacent to the main car park towards the Maintenance Buildings except in the summer term when the football goals are in situ.
- The area around the Maintenance Department and the farm.
- The school cemetery, paths next to the English Department and the hard court area outside the English Department except when going to lessons.
- All roads around the school. Senior School students must not go beyond the automatic barrier near to the Catering Department or the path adjacent to the drop-down during the school day unless they have legitimately signed out and are being collected from school.
- All playing fields beyond the Nursery, Preparatory School and main school car park except during lessons.
- All areas around private staff accommodation in the grounds and in the main school building.
- All roofs and fire escapes (except in cases of emergency when the alarm sounds).
- The front and back drives, except for access.
- Boys must not visit the girls' boarding house.
- Girls must not visit the boys' boarding house.

In addition, the following applies specifically to boarding students (and to day students in school during evenings and at weekends)

In Bounds / Out of Bounds – Indoor areas

Out of bounds

- The boys' boarding house is out of bounds to all girls.
- The girls' boarding house is out of bounds to all boys.

The following are out of bounds during evenings and at weekends unless boarding staff have given permission:

- The Chapel and adjoining corridors and offices
- The Old Library and Parlour.
- Y7-11 Locker rooms.
- All classrooms.
- The Corridors between the Old Library, Headmaster's Office, and the Deputy Heads' Offices.
- The Art department and stairway.
- The RS department and stairway.
- The English Department and Learning Support department corridors.
- The Science Block.
- The Music Department and Theatre.
- The Sports Hall, fitness suite, squash court, changing rooms and swimming pool
- The Sixth Form Centre is out of bounds to students below Year 12.

In Bounds / Out of Bounds – Outdoor areas

Students are encouraged to spend free time outdoors during the evenings and at weekends.

Students must be mindful of the size of our campus, the two public footpaths that cross our grounds, and the external lettings which make use of some of our facilities.

Therefore, the following regulations are designed to promote the safety and welfare of all members of the boarding community.

In bounds	Out of bounds
Areas close to the main school building 1 st team cricket outfield 1 st XV rugby pitch up to the tree line Tennis courts Peace Garden Lockhart Garden Hard court playground	Area behind 6 th Form Centre /English Department Car Parks and the field beyond the gravel car parks Astroturf and Cricket nets *** Area beyond the cricket scoreboard and past the treeline beyond the 1 st XV rugby pitch except when used for lunchtime recreation. Aerodrome and Chapel pitches / fields. School graveyard. Other areas not specified as 'in bounds'

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*** Unless for a staff supervised activity.

Times

The above areas are in bounds only when it is light.

Boarding staff will specify times at which students must be indoors.

This map shows the bounds area for boarders:



Review

This policy is reviewed annually by the Deputy Head Pastoral.