



ORWELL PARK SCHOOL

## BACKGROUND

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Orwell Park School occupies a historic country house with linked teaching areas, boarding accommodation and sports facilities set in one hundred and ten acres of playing fields and woodlands overlooking the Orwell Estuary in Suffolk

The school has a reputation for academic excellence and for outstanding music, games and pastoral care. In the latest ISI Inspection, 2014, inspectors found:

“The school is extremely successful in fulfilling its aims of providing an academically challenging and fulfilling all-round education, and strong pastoral care where all pupils are able to benefit from a vibrant boarding experience.”

“The quality of the pupils’ achievements and learning is excellent.”

Boarding is extremely popular at Orwell Park. Boys and girls board on a full, weekly and flexi basis. Although the majority of children board on a flexi basis, the ethos of the school is enhanced by its full boarders, a number of them from overseas, and those who board on a weekly basis.

Exceptional art, music, drama and CDT, amongst others, allow children to develop their skills and confidence in a truly cultured environment.

Orwell Park School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We have a number of policies and procedures in place that contribute to our safeguarding commitment, including our Safeguarding Policy which can be viewed in the policies section on our website. Sometimes we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies, when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We will ensure that our concerns about our pupils are discussed with parents/carers first, unless we have reason to believe that such a move would be contrary to the child's welfare. We actively support the Government's Prevent Agenda to counter radicalism and extremism.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mr Jonnie Besley (Deputy Headteacher, Pastoral). Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mr Martin O'Brien (Head of Boarding and Director of Music). The Governor with responsibility for safeguarding in our school is Ancilla Shirley.