



# Student Confidentiality

## Definitions of Terms

**College:** Ashville College, including the Boarding Houses, Pre-Prep, Junior and Senior Schools

**Head, Headteacher, Headmaster:** Headmaster of the College

**Pupils, Students:** Pupils who attend the College including pupils in the Early Years Foundation Stage

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### 1. Student Confidentiality

1.1 As professionals we are all very aware of the need

- for confidentiality
- not to promise it when we cannot guarantee it, particularly in talking to students about their problems;

but it is also becoming a problem for the students themselves, amongst each other. The College has therefore formulated guidelines for general use among our students, and that tutors should spend some time discussing this idea with the students in their group. The Guidelines are also published in the Student Planners.

### 2. Confidentiality: Guidance for Students

- 2.1 Keeping secrets, when they are of a serious nature, can be dangerous.
- 2.2 You should never promise to keep a secret if you don't know what you are promising.
- 2.3 Before agreeing to keep secrets, consider whether it is right to do so, and what the consequences may be for you and others.
- 2.4 If you are worried about a friend, or yourself, you should talk to an adult in whom you have confidence. This may be a parent, a particular teacher, tutor, house tutor, Chaplain, or your Liaison Prefect.
- 2.5 Confidentiality does mean that you do not pass around stories about other students or gossip about things you have been told.