

**Policy Document**

**PREGNANT OR SCHOOLGIRL MOTHERS**

The school, when informed of a pregnancy, immediately contacts the Services for Young People. Liaison then takes place between the school and the student's home. The school contact person, Mrs Valerie Hanson (Senior Learning Mentor), is also informed at this stage. The head of PE will also be informed if permission is given.

Other agencies are contacted when deemed appropriate, for example, Sure Start and the Pregnancy Options Adviser.

The school will ensure that:

- the student is treated with dignity and respect by peers and all staff;
- the student's wishes regarding confidentiality are met;
- her situation and attendance needs are sensitively assessed and monitored before and after the birth;
- the student is given as much emotional and academic support as possible during her pregnancy in order to maintain a continuity of the curriculum;
- liaison between the school and the student's home is maintained;