



Nendrum College

COMBER

HOUSE POLICY



Signed Chair Board of Governors: _____

Date Ratified by Board of Governors: _____

Review Date: 10 December 2025

Member of staff responsible for policy: Mr Ross Williams

Date approved by Board of Governors: December 2025

Date of next review: June 2028



Our Shared Vision: At Nendrum College Comber, our vision is to develop confident, compassionate, and engaging young people who are prepared to make meaningful contributions to both local and global society. We are committed to providing a nurturing, inclusive, and aspirational learning environment, where every pupil is supported to reach their full potential, in a modern and digital world: academically, socially, spiritually, and emotionally.

Through high expectations, mutual respect and a culture of personal growth, we encourage educational excellence. These principles, embedded in our core values of nurture, commitment, and community, aim to foster a strong sense of belonging and responsibility in everyone.

Our ethos is the foundation of all we do, uniting staff, pupils, and the wider community in shared values and daily practice. Our House system is a fundamental part of this.

1. Purpose

The House System aims to:

- Foster a sense of belonging and community.
- Encourage healthy competition and teamwork.
- Promote leadership, responsibility, and school spirit.
- Support student welfare and personal development.

2. Structure

- The school will be divided into **three houses**: Darragh, Enler, Gillespie
- Each house will include students from all year groups.
- Each house will be led by:
 - A **House Director**:

Darragh	Mr Hamilton
Enler	Mrs Williams
Gillespie	Miss Brown
 - **House Captains** (four students per year group, shown below accompanied by the House Directors.

The Role of our House Captains:

- **Leadership:** House Captains lead their house in various activities, setting a positive example for other students.
- **Organisation:** They help organise house events, such as sports competitions, cultural activities, and charity drives.
- **Representation:** House Captains represent their house in school meetings and events, voicing the opinions and concerns of their house members.



- **Motivation:** They encourage and motivate students to participate in house activities and strive for excellence.
- **Teamwork:** House Captains work closely with other house leaders and school staff to ensure smooth execution of events and activities.

3. House Identity

Each house will have:

- A unique **name, colour, and song.**
- A designated noticeboard in the school.
- Student Council will be given the opportunity to decide on either a **house badge** or uniform accessory.

4. Allocation

- Students will be assigned to a house upon enrolment.
- Siblings will be placed in the same house where possible.
- Staff members will also be affiliated with a house.

5. Activities & Competitions

Houses will compete in various activities, which are organised and released half termly:

- **Academic challenges** (e.g., quizzes, spelling bees)
- **Sports events** (e.g., sports day, inter-house tournaments)
- **Creative competitions** (e.g., art, drama, music)
- **Community service** and fundraising initiatives

6. House Points System

- Points will be awarded for:
 - Academic achievement
 - Positive behaviour
 - Participation in events
 - Attendance and punctuality
- Points will be tracked monthly and announced half termly.
- An annual **House Cup** will be awarded to the winning house.
- House points are combined to our Merit points as part of our Positive Behaviour/ Reward System.

7. Leadership & Roles



- House Captains and Vice Captains will be elected biannually. (Every 2 years)
- Responsibilities include:
 - Organising house events
 - Motivating peers
 - Representing the house in school council meetings

8. Behaviour & Expectations

- All house members are expected to:
 - Uphold school values
 - Support fellow house members
 - Participate actively and respectfully

9. Monitoring & Review

- The House System will be reviewed annually by the House Directors and school leadership team.
- Feedback from students and staff will be considered for improvements.