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Regarding teenage pregnancy, the Craighouse School Emotional Development and Sexuality Education Policy states the following: “In an attitude that is consequent with its value of life, and before the current norms that rule the matter were in force, Craighouse School has always supported pupils - both boys and girls - who find themselves in this situation enabling them to continue their studies, providing help to face this situation with responsibility, and to contribute to their development and maturity” (Emotional Development and Sexuality Education Policy, Craighouse School, 2002, updated 2017).

Additionally, an Emotional Development and Sexuality Programme is implemented for pupils from Prekinder to Year 12, as part of the Formative Curriculum.

General considerations in case of teenage pregnancy

1. The school will provide academic opportunities and support so that pupils going through this process can continue their studies, and are encouraged to finish their school life in Year 12.
2. The school will support girls who are pregnant and offer a special schedule for their academic work and a flexible assessment calendar. Boys who are prospective fathers will also receive support so that they can fulfil their academic obligations.
3. The school will provide all the facilities needed so that pregnant girls and boys who will become fathers can attend medical checkups regularly during this period. The school will also consider any medical requirements regarding a girl’s prenatal and postnatal leave, as well as future checkups for the mother and her baby. Boys will be given 5 days off school during the birth of their babies.
4. Regarding a pregnant girl’s attendance record, the minimum 85% will not be required. If her attendance is lower than 50% it will be the headmaster, with the power granted to him by law, who shall decide whether she will be promoted for the following year. Source:
https://www.ayudamineduc.cl/sites/default/files/estudiantes_embarazadas.pdf

5. Regarding a pregnant girl's attendance to Physical Education classes, the school will follow her doctor's recommendations concerning her ability to take part in the class. She may receive a differentiated assessment and may be exempted from attending on her doctor's orders (in writing, on a medical certificate).
6. Regarding the use of the school uniform, a pregnant girl will be authorised to wear alternative garments depending on the stage of her pregnancy.
7. Breastfeeding girls will have a flexible school timetable.
8. The school will provide support for these pupils, so that together with their families' care, they can face this process responsibly and it can contribute to their personal development.

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Note:

This is only a referential document and the valid, official, and legal version in the country is the one written in Spanish.

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