

Guardianship Policy

The school requires a Guardian. The pupil is limited to the times when the pupil attends school (i.e. not during exeat for holidays).

UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) issues our license as an educational sponsor so that pupils from outside of the UK can study at the school. We have a Student Visa (previously Tier 4 (Child) Visa). We regularly monitor all boarding schools to make sure the correct procedures of Guardianship are being followed in order to ensure that overseas pupils are properly supported. Our aim is to make sure we carry out these duties attentively to safeguard pupils in our care at all times.

UKVI rules require sponsors (i.e. schools) to ensure that care arrangements are "suitable" for pupils aged under 18 at all times when they are in the UK and not just when in the care of the school.

Who can be a Guardian?

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There are no legal requirements regarding who can be a Guardian. It is, however, required by the school that the Guardian be resident in the UK at a suitable proximity to the pupil and school and be capable of providing care for a child in a happy home environment as would a reasonable and responsible parent.

A Guardian may be a family member, a family friend, a guardianship agency, a host family, or other responsible UK based adult.

Many overseas parents use a guardianship agency to appoint a Guardian.

Appointing a Guardian

Guardians are appointed by the parents. This will mean that the parents will be responsible for assessing whether the Guardian - be it a guardianship agency, family friend or other individual - is suitable and that adequate safeguarding measures have been taken.

The Guardian will be acting on the parents' behalf and the guardianship arrangement will not fall within the school's welfare responsibility for the pupil.

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If a parent appointed Guardian accommodates a child aged under 16 (or under 18 if disabled) for more than 28 consecutive days, they become private foster parents (and must by law inform the local authority 6 weeks before the child arrives or immediately if the arrangement has already begun). It is a criminal offence for people who are privately fostering, or who have arranged private fostering, to fail to notify their local authority about