

READ SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL GUARDIAN POLICY

All overseas pupils, including EU pupils, must have a guardian who is resident in the United Kingdom for the whole duration of their studies at The Read School. This can either be a family member or an AEGIS accredited guardianship organisation. The role of the guardian is to provide care during school holidays, weekend exeats and any other times as requested by Read School such as illness, arriving back to the country early.

To comply with UK Visas and Immigration guidelines, all Non – European and European pupils studying in the United Kingdom MUST have a guardian who is resident in the UK. Read School requires that the appointed guardian is over the age of 25 and is not a full time student. United Kingdom Visas and Immigration [UKVI], who issue our licence as an educational sponsor, will regularly monitor all boarding schools and colleges to ensure that these procedures are being carried out. Read School intend to carry out our duties diligently in order to protect our sponsor licence and our pupils. Read School therefore requires full contact details of the appointed guardian BEFORE we can issue a Confirmation of Studies [CAS] to support any student visa application.

Read School expects that all guardians provide a level of care that is acceptable to our school to ensure the safety and well-being of our pupils when spending time away from school. It is the parent's responsibility to select a suitable, registered guardian for their child. Read School cannot accept responsibility for any financial or otherwise between the parent and guardian.

Guardians of Read School pupils MUST agree to provide proof of residency in the UK and a copy of photographic ID, copies will be taken by the Head's PA. We strongly recommend that the guardian visits the school within the first term of a pupil's arrival at Read School so that the Head of Boarding and Boarding Staff can be introduced and clear lines of communication established. It is expected that the guardian will maintain regular communication with the pupil and the Head of Boarding, particularly with regards to transport arrangements and pick up / drop off times during holidays. Please note that we will NOT accept university students living in university halls of residence as a legitimate guardian.

Under no circumstances will our pupils be permitted to stay in a hotel, bed and breakfast or rented accommodation, without the supervision of their parent or registered guardian. It is the responsibility of the parent or registered guardian to arrange where the pupil will be travelling to and from.

If you have any queries regarding this policy for Guardianship, please contact Head of Boarding at: housemistress@readschool.co.uk

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