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## **CHILD STUDENT VISA POLICY**

### **Bryanston School's Sponsor Licence Number: HR52QEFT3**

Bryanston School holds a Student Sponsor Licence issued by the United Kingdom Visas and Immigration (**UKVI**) that allows us to sponsor overseas pupils to apply for a Child Student visa to enter the UK to study with us.

Our Sponsor Licence is important to the School and significant trust is placed on the School by UKVI. In order for us to maintain and keep our Sponsor Licence, we have to make sure that we meet the UKVI's rules and regulations and meet our duties surrounding all aspects of student sponsorship.

For international pupils who wish to come to the UK to study at Bryanston, the School will make all reasonable efforts to assist pupils and parents to comply with the UKVI requirements on visa entry. This includes assigning a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (**CAS**) and checking visa application supporting documents are compliant. Responsibility for making a Child Student visa application to allow a pupil to attend Bryanston School rests with the parents. The School is unable to assist with resolving visa related issues other than those where either a current or prospective pupil is sponsored by the School although in certain circumstances, it may be appropriate for the parents of sponsored pupils to seek independent legal advice.

The School strongly advises parents to be aware of the regular changes to the visa application process and ensure that they are fully up to date with these changes. The latest visa information from the UK Government can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/child-study-visa>.

### **Responsibilities of Parents**

#### **Proof of Funds**

One of the conditions for obtaining a Child Student visa is that parents can demonstrate sufficient funds to enable their child to attend the course of study in the UK. UKVI guidance states that parents must be able to show that they have the money available to pay the school fees for the first year of their child's course. Before allocating a CAS, the School must therefore receive the following:

- Payment of the Acceptance Deposit, Confirmation Deposit and One Term Fee Deposit;
- Payment of the first two term's fees - These will be invoiced to parents at the start of the Child Student visa application process, up to six months in advance of entry to the School. Parents may choose to pay the first term's fees only and provide UKVI compliant bank statements as proof of funds for the remaining two terms fees. Where we have not received the school fees for the first academic year in full, the School will check that all proof of funds meet UKVI requirements before assigning a CAS.



### **Educational Guardians**

Bryanston School welcomes pupils from all over the world and values their contribution to life of the School. As Bryanston is a residential boarding school and to ensure the best possible care for these pupils, it is essential that all parents who are not permanently resident in the UK appoint an educational guardian in the UK. An educational guardian is not a legal guardian. Educational guardians act as the parents' representative in the UK, acting as a point of contact for the School throughout the academic year and are able to act with their full authority in the event of an emergency. Those who undertake this role are providing a generous commitment to the education and well-being of their ward during their UK studies at boarding school.

Guardians should be provided by the pupils own family. The Guardian may be employed through a professional Guardian organisation or may be a nominated friend of the family or another family member or contact.

The Guardian:

- Should not be a full-time student;
- Must be over the age of 25 years;
- Must live in the UK and should not be required to travel regularly overseas;
- Should be able to correspond with the School in English;
- Should agree and pass the necessary safeguarding checks as required;
- Should be open to annual inspection as required by the Agency or organisation responsible;
- Should not be running a guest house, hotel, commercial enterprise nor offering any other paid accommodation service.

If a family has difficulty in finding a suitable Guardian, the School advises looking on the AEGIS website ([www.aegisuk.net](http://www.aegisuk.net)). Please note that the School is unable to arrange or recommend Guardians. It is the responsibility of the parent to choose and pay for a Guardian who can fulfil the role to the satisfaction of both the School and the parents. It is the responsibility of the parent to inform the School immediately if the Guardianship arrangements change. If a Guardian is to have more than emergency responsibility, parents and pupils must complete data consent forms to authorise the School to liaise with the Guardian in relation to all matters regarding the pupil.

**For international pupils requiring Child Student visa sponsorship, Bryanston School will only assign a CAS once details of a pupil's UK educational guardian have been provided.**

### **Care Arrangements for Pupils during Exeat Weekends/Holiday Periods**

It is the School's responsibility to ensure that suitable care arrangements are in place for all sponsored visa pupils during exeat and holiday periods where the pupil remains in the UK.

Parents/Guardians are required to inform the School of the details of these arrangements including:

- The address(es) where the pupil will be residing;
- Confirmation of the dates the pupil will be in their care;
- Name and DOB of individual responsible for the pupil's care;
- Contact details of the individual responsible for the pupil's care;
- Details on travel from and return to the School.



### **Attendance and Engagement**

To comply with the UKVI regulations, the School must keep a record of sponsored visa pupils' attendance and report any issues of consistent non-attendance to the UKVI. Pupils must ensure that their attendance levels and engagement are satisfactory or risk their Child Student visa sponsorship being withdrawn.

Parents of sponsored Child Student visa pupils are therefore requested to adhere to term dates when booking international flights as a pupil's non-attendance is recorded if they arrive late at the beginning of term or leave early at the end of term and depending upon the circumstances, this may constitute an unauthorised absence. The School has a duty to report to the UKVI if a pupil misses 10 consecutive expected contact points.

### **Working**

The regulations surrounding what work a pupil can do on a Child Student visa are very strict, this is because the primary purpose of a Child Student visa is to come to the UK to study. Only pupils aged 16 and over holding a Child Student visa can work up to 10 hours per week during term time and full time during vacation periods. Penalties for breaching these rules, even accidentally, are severe. Details of work restrictions and limitations can be found on a pupil's Biometric Residence Card or on their digital eVisa.

### **Entering the UK**

Parents/Guardians should familiarise themselves with the latest rules on entering the UK before a pupil travels. This applies every time a pupil travels to the UK, not just the first time they enter on their Child Student visa. Rules and restrictions may change regularly so please check the UK Government website ([www.gov.uk/uk-border-control](http://www.gov.uk/uk-border-control)) when booking flights and before travelling.

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