



**Bosworth
Independent
College**

Guardianship Policy

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Introduction

This information is relevant to all parents who are sending a son/daughter to study at Bosworth Independent College, regardless of age. Most of our students, especially those aged under sixteen, have appointed a guardian who is resident in the UK.

Guardianship is another means of support for your son/daughter whilst he/she is in the UK and we encourage parents to appoint a guardian, especially for younger students.

Ideally, where possible, most parents appoint a family friend or relative, who lives in the UK, to act as a guardian providing their son/daughter with another adult to turn to should they require assistance, advice, or an alternative place to stay during holiday periods. Where it is not possible to appoint a family friend or relative, professional guardians can be appointed. The following website provides a list of accredited guardians available throughout the UK: www.aegisuk.net

Students Requiring Temporary Guardianship

If we do not receive guardianship details, and in the rare event of a student requiring emergency accommodation (i.e. due to suspension from College), the College will suggest to parents that they employ the services of an accredited guardianship company. The arrangement must be made between the parents and the company and the costs incurred by the parents.

Holiday periods

Please note we have no compulsory exeat weekends. During our term, there is never any routine requirement for a student to vacate his or her room. We offer full board and accommodation at half-terms without additional charge.

At Easter, for an additional charge, we occasionally offer supervised boarding accommodation with meals, according to demand.

At Christmas, only those aged 18 or above are permitted to rent a room in a College-owned Senior House, subject to availability and parental approval. However, please note that students who fail to behave responsibly throughout the term will not be offered this option. There is an additional charge for use of a Senior House during the Christmas and Easter holidays. Parents should understand that food is not provided during these periods, neither is there the usual daily cleaning, although a member of staff is on call in case of emergency.

If your son or daughter is not aged 18 or above and does not intend to return home at Christmas, then it can be very useful to appoint an accredited guardian. We review all holiday arrangements carefully and are very wary of allowing students to stay with unaccredited guardians whose backgrounds have not been checked. AEGIS-accredited guardians provide parents and the College with the security that the home meets all safeguarding requirements. A request to stay with the friend of a friend or a very distant relation, even with parental permission, is generally refused as there are no safeguards in place to assure the safety and well-being of a vulnerable student.

Students aged under 18 years should always plan to go home or stay with close family or their appointed guardian during the holiday period. Under no circumstances are students aged under 18 ever allowed to remain unsupervised in College accommodation.