

Guardianship

We require all overseas students who are under the age of 18 whose parents reside abroad to have a Guardian in the UK.

International students are often not familiar with the educational system in the UK and the way of life. Their command of English may be limited which may sometimes mean it is difficult to understand and/or to communicate. There are also practical reasons, for example, immigration control requires an adult to collect a student under the age of 18 from the airport.

The choice of Guardian is entirely the responsibility of the parent, and the School accepts no legal responsibility for any Guardianship arrangements. The Guardian in this country will act with the parent's authority.

The Guardian's role is to:

- Act with delegated parental authority in the case of an emergency and in other matters agreed with the parents.
- Provide safe care during any absence from School, for example long term illness or exclusion.
- Attend any meeting which would normally require a parent, to follow the student's progress or to discuss any concern.
- Be familiar with all the rules, regulations, and policies regarding a student's stay at ENBS.
- Be English speaking and to be a point of contact.
- Visit the student and support students as needed.
- Notify the School of a student's absence if the student is unable to do so themselves.

We request that guardians live within a relatively close proximity to the School so they are able to support students quickly should they need it; for example if they need to visit Accident and Emergency or attend hospital for a scan or private medical appointments.

For further information and Guardianship agencies, please look at the website of The Association for the Education and Guardianship of International Studies www.aegisuk.net.