

Educational Guardians

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DLD College recommends that all overseas boarding students have a UK-based educational guardian employed for the duration of their time studying in the UK.

An educational guardian should act as an emergency contact for the student, providing support and assistance, liaise with the College and parents on a regular basis, and assist with travel and care arrangements where necessary.

On very rare occasions, educational guardians will be able to act as an emergency host when required. As part of our commitment to pastoral care at DLD, this is to safeguard all boarders in our boarding house, in the event of serious personal circumstances or contagious illnesses.

DLD College does not arrange or provide education guardianship services in any capacity and all arrangements to provide educational guardianship services must be made directly between the parents/legal guardians and the educational guardian.

An educational guardian must meet the following criteria:

- Be resident in the UK for the entire duration of the student's stay in the UK
- Have evidence of their right to remain in the UK
- Be 25 years of age or older
- Ideally, be resident in the city in which the student studies

The College will make contact with a guardian to ensure that correct arrangements are in place. A guardian will be asked to complete the Guardian Consent Form. Other documents as copy of passport, copy of visa or proof of address may be requested later.

Many families choose to ask friends or family members who are resident in the UK to undertake the role of Guardian. If this is not possible, many guardianship agencies and organisations are available. DLD College does not recommend any particular agencies.

The Association for the Educational Guardianship of International Students (AEGIS) website (<http://www.aegisuk.net/home>) lists approved and accredited guardianship agencies.

