



Guardianship at St Andrew's College Cambridge

Dear Parents,

I hope the following information will help you understand St Andrew's College Cambridge's policy regarding the appointment of a guardian.

St Andrew's College Cambridge is now setting the highest standards in safeguarding the welfare of every student, and requires parents who do not live permanently in the UK, to appoint a guardian to act on their behalf, for all students, regardless of their age.

Arrangements for this should be made by the parents and is their responsibility. The law protects the rights of children and makes 'proper and appropriate care' a compulsory requirement. The UKVI (United Kingdom Visa and Immigration) authority, also require a letter from parents confirming the care arrangements that they have put in place for their child as part of the visa application.

A guardian is not a child's legal guardian so does not have legal rights to make major decisions relating to the child. Such rights will remain with the parents. However, guardians are the parents' representatives in the UK and are essential in times of crisis. They have a student welfare role, bridging the gap between parents, the student and the school.

During the term, the college is legally responsible for each student's welfare, and undertakes parentally delegated responsibilities. However, there are times (holidays, when a child is suspended, when personal 'off site' visits are made etc) when the college must be able to hand over these responsibilities to an appointed guardian. In addition, our Guardianship policy states that students who are under 18 years old on arrival must have an active guardian who will organise all travel, trips and accommodation outside school. We strongly recommend that a guardianship agency is used rather than a friend or relative, as this responsibility can be heavy and onerous.

St Andrew's College Cambridge works very closely with a number of Guardianship Agencies and information regarding their services can be found on the list of guardianship agencies who have worked with us previously. However, the choice of a guardian rests entirely with the parent and there are many reputable Guardianship companies that may be selected to provide the service. The details of guardianship requirements are given on the Guardianship Agreement Form.

Thank you for assisting us to provide the highest quality welfare provision for your son/daughter.

Best regards,

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