

EDUCATIONAL GUARDIANSHIP POLICY

Safeguarding our students and ensuring that they are looked after in a safe, caring, and nurturing environment is our utmost priority. Educational Guardianship in the UK is not currently regulated. It is therefore imperative that the school does all it can to ensure that students are being cared for by Guardians who are entirely suitable to take on the role.

As a matter of Boarding Schools' Association recommended practice and Woldingham School policy, we make it a condition of entry that parents based overseas (or who anticipate spending a significant part of the academic year outside the United Kingdom) appoint a UK-based Educational Guardian to support their daughter. This guardianship is required until the student leaves the school, even for those over 18 years of age. It is the parents' responsibility to appoint a suitable guardian; the school does not make arrangements on their behalf nor can it recommend any specific guardians or guardian agencies to parents.

If the Educational Guardian is not a close relative or family friend, **we strongly recommend that parents select a Guardian who has been accredited by AEGIS or the BSA Guardian Scheme** (The Association for the Education & Guardianship of International Students). This is particularly important if the Guardian agency takes multiple legal jurisdictions into account. **BSA Accredited** (BSA Accredited) (UK Application) Educational Guardian acts on behalf of the parent, to the extent to which the parent has agreed to delegate specific parental roles and responsibilities. Thus, a guardianship agreement can be tailored to meet both individual family circumstances and school requirements.

between the school and parent less reliable, we ask parents to choose a guardian who is prepared to undertake responsibilities of a more wide-ranging nature, such as attendance at Parents' Evenings and communication about exeat arrangements.

Issues that parents may wish to

x Where any travel arrangements involve early morning or late evening flights, the guardian will be expected to arrange safe overnight accommodation;

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