



SEDBERGH SCHOOL – INFORMATION ABOUT GUARDIANS

FOR ALL PUPILS RESIDENT OUTSIDE THE UK

ALL parents who live outside of the UK are required to appoint a Guardian who is resident in the UK. This is a requirement for the following reasons:

- (i) In case of emergency. Examples include (but are not limited to) the serious illness or hospitalisation of your child, or suspension or expulsion from the school.
- (ii) Occasional overnight stays at the beginning and end of a term where the flight arrives earlier than or departs too long after the published start and end of term dates.

For these reasons, you may find it easier to choose a guardian who is located in, or who can provide a host family in, the north of England, ideally within a two hour drive of Sedbergh.

Guardians may also assist with:

- (i) Providing accommodation during half term school holidays and exeat weekends.
- (ii) Being a point of communication with your child's Housemaster or Housemistress
- (iii) Visiting the School e.g. at Parent/Teacher meetings and other important school events such as plays, concerts, sports and social events, award presentations etc.
- (iv) Translation of school reports
- (v) Booking flights
- (vi) Providing transfers to Sedbergh
- (vii) Information and advice about living and studying in the UK
- (viii) Purchase of uniform
- (ix) Transfer of payment of fees and pocket money

The level of guardianship services required will vary considerably from one family to another so please do carefully consider what you will require from your guardian before appointment.

Can a friend or relative be a guardian? If they are (a) resident in the UK (b) aged 21 or over and (c) have suitable accommodation available this is perfectly acceptable. However, you must ensure that, as a minimum, they can comply with (i) and (ii) above.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

It is the parent's responsibility to make all travel and other arrangements during school holidays. All pupils are required to return home or stay with a guardian during the half term and school holidays. Parents are required to book flights for their son or daughter for all school holidays and to notify the Housemaster or Housemistress via travelofficer@sedberghschool.org. Term Dates and Flight Times document can be found here <http://www.sedberghschool.org/senior/Information/Term-Dates>

Sedbergh School provides escorted transfers to/from Manchester and Liverpool airports.

Occasionally, pupils are invited to spend holidays with another pupil and their family and this is perfectly satisfactory providing both parents send their written approval to the School.

Please note:

1. *The welfare and safety of pupils during the school holidays is of paramount importance and under no circumstances will a pupil under 18 years of age be permitted to stay in a hotel room on their own during school holidays, even with parental permission. Also, University students living in University halls of residence cannot be accepted as Guardians.*



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2. *An offer of a place at Sedbergh School is conditional on receipt of an approved Guardian appointment form being received prior to the start of term.*
3. *If the appointed guardian changes during the boarder's time at Sedbergh, the parents must notify the school immediately.*