



SHERBORNE

GUARDIANSHIP OF PUPILS

It is a requirement for parents who live outside the UK, or are based in the UK and away from home frequently or for a long period of time, to nominate a legal guardian who can fulfil the parental role and carry out the parental responsibilities in the absence of the parent. Any family that does not nominate a legal guardian for their son risks him being excluded from School until appropriate arrangements are put in place. It is the parent's responsibility to keep the School informed of the guardian's details.

The Role of a Guardian

A guardian of a pupil is expected to take a personal interest in the progress and welfare of the boy. We are always happy for guardians to attend School events such as open days and parent-teacher meetings when parents cannot be present. Boarding houses and their staff will always welcome guardians as they would parents, both for particular occasions or as casual visitors. Copies of grades and reports can be sent to guardians (with the permission of the parents).

Sometimes a boy will find himself needing advice and guidance on academic or personal matters from someone representing his family; in this kind of situation a guardian can be very helpful. There may, infrequently, be instances when a boy is unwell or involved in an accident when it is desirable to have a guardian close at hand for consultation and support, or to accommodate a boarder with an infectious illness. Very rarely we may need to discuss disciplinary matters at first hand with someone representing a pupil's parents.

Specific Requirements and Responsibilities

The guardian, or nominated host family, should:

- Be at least 25 years old and live within reasonable travelling distance from Sherborne.
- Not be a student at university and be able to speak and write English fluently.
- Look after a boy (as agreed with the parents) during exeats and holidays in their home.
- Inform House staff in advance of the pupil's travel and accommodation arrangements for all exeats and holidays. These arrangements may be made by the guardian or the boy's family, but are not the responsibility of the School.
- Be available to collect students from School when travel arrangements to and from home do not reasonably coincide with the relevant times and dates published in the Blue Book. This may require them to arrange airport transfers and overnight accommodation, if necessary.
- Be able to take temporary care of their ward if he has been suspended for a serious breach of the School rules or is ill/injured and needs to recuperate. Thus the guardian should be able to take care of the pupil at short notice and at unexpected times.
- Always advise the School and the parents if they plan to go away during term time.
- The guardian should be responsible for dealing with any travel documents, passports and visas that may be required.
- Be prepared to take an active interest in the pupil's progress at School.

Where parents find it difficult to nominate a relative or good acquaintance for this purpose we suggest they refer to the AEGIS website at www.aegisuk.net as a starting point.