



Child Student Visa Application Information for overseas families

Who needs to apply for a visa?

All overseas pupils who do not hold a British/Irish passport or who do not have settled or pre-settled status in the UK need to apply for a Child Student visa before they start studying at Oundle.

Duration of Child Student visa

Child Student visas are course based. An individual application will be needed at the initial point of entry to cover the (I)GCSE course and an additional application will be required in the Summer Term of the Fifth Form (Year 11) for entry into Sixth Form to study the A Level course. Both applications will require a year's worth of fees, inclusive of VAT, as a deposit. The earliest you can apply for a visa is six months before the start of the academic course.

CAS – Confirmation of Acceptance to Study

This is a unique reference number generated by the UKVI (UK Visas and Immigration) and issued to you by Sable International on behalf of Oundle School. You will need to enter the reference number on your visa application. You must apply for your visa within six months of receiving your CAS.

Sable International is our trusted partner for all child student and UK Immigration applications. The company has been providing immigration services for over 30 years and is regulated by the Office of the Immigration Advice Authority. We retain Sable's services to ensure all UK immigration applications are prepared in compliance with UKVI requirements.

What documents and fees are required prior to issuing a CAS?

- **Parents' current passport** with at least 6 months before expiry.
- **Child's current passport** with at least 6 months before expiry.
- **Child's birth certificate** translated into English and certified by a translator.
- **A Parental Consent letter** which confirms the relationship between the child and parents and that the parents give permission for the visa application, for the child to travel to the UK and to be a boarding pupil. Sable International will provide you with a template which you will need to personalise with your child's details. It must be signed by both parents (or just one parent if they have sole responsibility).

- **Payment of the first year's School fees in advance as a deposit, inclusive of VAT.** Details of our current fees can be found [here](#). Once a visa has been issued, this payment is non-refundable. Once a child starts at Oundle, the funds from the year's deposit will be put towards each of the first three term's fees. Parents will then be invoiced termly for any extras incurred as well as any difference in fees depending on the point at which the deposit was paid.

We will also require confirmation of whether your child has ever been refused a UK visa. If yes, please ensure you provide us with the full details.

Compliance

As a Child Student Sponsor, it is crucial for us to adhere to the UKVI (UK Visas and Immigration) regulations to ensure that your child's stay and education in the UK are both lawful and secure. Failure to comply with UKVI guidelines can have serious repercussions for our School, including the suspension or revocation of our sponsorship licence. This could severely disrupt your child's education and prevent us from enrolling international pupils in the future. Working with Sable International helps us ensure compliance with UKVI requirements while also supporting parents with the visa application.

Costs

We charge a CAS Application and Compliance Management fee of £800, inclusive of VAT. This includes assistance for you from Sable International with your visa application and supporting document requirements. The fee will be added to your first term's School bill. A full table of all the fees payable by overseas families is below.

Fee due	Type of payment	Due date	Details
£300 inc VAT	Registration fee	Upon registration	Non refundable
£1,200 inc VAT	Acceptance fee	Upon accepting a place offer	Non refundable (however £720 will be credited to the final term's fees when your child leaves the School)
£20,000 inc VAT	Overseas deposit	Upon accepting a confirmed place	Credited to the final term's fees when your child leaves the School
£800 inc VAT	CAS Application and Compliance Management fee	Added to your first term's bill	Non refundable
£558	Application fee for Visa	Upon issuing a CAS	Non refundable
Full year's fees (at time of application rather than year of entry)	Deposit for a CAS	Usually 3 – 6 months ahead of September entry	Credited to each of the first three term's fees, with any fee difference invoiced termly.

Education Guardians

It is a requirement that all parents who live overseas nominate an Education Guardian for their son or daughter to act on their behalf and as their representative while their child studies here. This is not the same as a legal guardian. Please see our Education Guardian policy for further details.

The responsibility for appointing an Education Guardian lies solely with parents. We are not able to recommend a particular Education Guardian or Education Guardian agency, but strongly advise you to ensure that your chosen Education Guardian is accredited by a recognised Education Guardianship agency (e.g., AEGIS) and that the arrangement is suitable for your child. In order to satisfy UKVI requirements, we advise that an Education Guardian must be an adult individual aged 25 or over and live within a reasonable distance so as to discharge their duties effectively. They must not be in full-time education or be travelling for extensive periods and they must hold either settled status or British nationality. Neither the Education Guardian, nor any person usually living in their accommodation, can have any criminal convictions.

The Admissions Office asks all overseas parents to complete a signed form with details of the appointed Education Guardian. If your Education Guardian is not accredited by either BSA or AEGIS, we will then complete an identity check on the appointed Education Guardian, which will include their signed consent to the arrangement in place and proof that they hold either settled status or British nationality.

It should also be noted that Education Guardians bear responsibility for your child on travel days when leaving or arriving at the School during Exeats and holidays, as well as starts and ends of term. It is particularly important that Education Guardians understand their responsibilities on such travel days and are contactable throughout the journey. Your child should always have their Education Guardian's contact details and know to contact their guardian if any travel issues arise.

Further Information

For information on AEGIS accredited Guardians, please visit:

https://aegisuk.net/organisations/?college=Guardianship&org_type=gold-standard

For information on BSA accredited Guardians, please visit:

<https://www.boarding.org.uk/bsa-initiatives/bsa-certified-guardian-scheme/>

If you would like further information on Child Student visas, please visit the Government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/child-study-visa>

If you would like further information on Sable International, please visit their website:

<https://www.sableinternational.com/uk-education-corporate-services>

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