



**OXFORD
International
College**

A NORD ANGLIA EDUCATION SCHOOL

LIVING ARRANGEMENTS POLICY

POLICY INTENDED FOR:	Students
CATEGORY:	Boarding
POLICY IMPLEMENTED BY:	Principal
POLICY MONITORED BY:	Principal
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CONSULTATION WITH:	Senior Leadership Team (SLT)
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Living Arrangements Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all students have safe, appropriate and compliant living arrangements while enrolled at Oxford International College. It sets out the standards and responsibilities for parents and the college to safeguard student welfare in line with UKVI regulations and best practice.

Who This Policy Applies To

This policy applies to all students enrolled at Oxford International College, regardless of nationality, age, or visa status. It is particularly relevant for students who do not reside full-time with a parent during term time.

Safeguarding Commitment

We are committed to:

- Protecting the welfare of all students through clear safeguarding procedures.
- Ensuring living arrangements comply with UKVI requirements and college standards.
- Acting immediately on any concerns and reporting as required.

Permitted Living Arrangements

Sponsored Students can live:

- Full time boarding at Oxford International College
- With a parent holding a Parent of a Child Student visa
- Independently (16+ only) in exceptional circumstances with prior college approval and safeguarding checks & vetting where necessary.
- In exceptional circumstances, with a close relative (aged 25+, British citizen or settled status) as defined by UKVI as a grandparent, brother, sister, step-parent, uncle (brother or half-brother of a parent) or aunt (sister or half-sister of a parent). The close relative would need to complete a vetting process.

Non-Sponsored, Non-British Students:

- Full time boarding at Oxford International College
- With a parent holding a Parent of a Child Student visa, British citizenship or settled status, or parent/s of Dependent visa holders
- Independently (16+) in exceptional circumstances with prior college approval and safeguarding checks & vetting where necessary.
- With a close relative (aged 25+, British citizen or settled status) as defined by UKVI as a grandparent, brother, sister, step-parent, uncle (brother or half-brother of a parent) or aunt (sister or half-sister of a parent).
- Weekly boarding, with parent or close relative on weekends (they must be aged 25+, British citizen or settled status, as defined as a grandfather, brother, sister, step-parent, uncle (brother or half-brother of a parent) or aunt (sister or half-sister of a parent).

British Students:

- Full-time boarding at Oxford International College
- With parents or close relative (close relative must be aged 25+, British citizen or settled status, as defined as a grandfather, brother, sister, step-parent, uncle (brother or half-brother of a parent) or aunt (sister or half-sister of a parent).)
- Independently (16+) with prior college approval, safeguarding checks & vetting where necessary.
- Weekly boarding, with parent or close relative on weekends (aged 25+, British citizen or settled status, as defined as a grandfather, brother, sister, step-parent, uncle (brother or half-brother of a parent) or aunt (sister or half-sister of a parent).

Not permitted for all students:

- University halls, hostels, hotels, guest houses, or shared accommodation (HMOs).
- Private foster care arrangements

Additional Requirements

All living arrangements are expected to provide a safe and supportive home environment. Where the student does not reside with their legal guardian, the below elements apply.

- Students must have their own bedroom.

- Adults in the household must have no criminal convictions.
- Arrangements must be within a reasonable travel distance of the college (typically within 45 minutes).
- Families are responsible for any additional vetting costs required to ensure safeguarding standards.
- All students without a parent or legal guardian living within 2 hours of our college will require a nominated guardian. Please find our guardianship policy here: [Close Relative and Guardianship Policy](#)

Vetting & Safeguarding Checks

Checks will be carried out for:

- Close Relative Living Arrangements
- Independent Living arrangements (where necessary)
- Any aspect of the living arrangement that raises concern.

Fee Implications

- Full Boarding fees apply for full-time boarders
- Additional charges apply for vetting processes for close relatives and for certain independent living arrangements.
- Where the college must arrange emergency accommodation due to non-compliance, costs will be charged to the family.

Compliance

Parents must:

- Confirm and maintain an approved living arrangement.
- Provide accurate and up-to-date details.
- Complete all required checks before the student joins or returns to college.
- Notify the college immediately if arrangements change.

Monitoring:

- The college will review living arrangements annually and may conduct spot checks.

Non-Compliance:

Failure to comply may result in:

- The college arranging suitable accommodation at the family's cost.
- Suspension of the student's place until arrangements are confirmed.
- Reporting to UKVI where visa sponsorship is affected.
- Referral to local safeguarding authorities if a child's welfare is at risk.