

Child Student Visa Sponsorship

Non-British pupils, including EU pupils, will generally require a Child Student Visa to study in the UK. This replaces the former Tier 4 Visa.

There are a few exceptions to this, such as if the family are eligible to apply for settled status, or the family are coming into the UK with another kind of visa, such as the Tier 1 Entrepreneur or Investor Visa. Please provide proof of alternative visa status if this is the case.

To qualify for a Child Student Visa, an applicant must score 40 points. Points for initial applications and extensions are awarded as follows:

- Having a confirmation of acceptance for studies (CAS) from a licensed sponsor containing an unconditional offer of a place on a course of study at an acceptable level (30 points).
- Having enough money to cover the course fees and monthly living costs for up to one year (10 points).

Caldicott is a licenced centre, and we are able to sponsor a limited number of pupils each year. Early registration is recommended as international places are snapped up quickly.

Once you are in receipt of an offer of a place, these are the next steps:

(For September starters, this process will commence at the beginning of the Summer Term prior to entry)

- The Director of Admissions will email an invoice for the full year's school fees (i.e. three terms). This is to be paid in advance, and will demonstrate eligibility for the 10 points' funding criteria as above. This invoice will also include a £200 administration charge.
- Once the fees have been paid, the Director of Admissions will issue a CAS certificate, a receipt for the fees paid, and a letter of confirmation of studies. We will require a copy of your son's passport in order to do this.
- You will then have all the information required to make the visa application via your local visa application centre.
- If your application is successful, you'll get either a biometric residence permit, if you gave your biometric information at a visa application centre, or digital immigration status.
- The biometric residence permit (BRP) is a physical card, which will need to be collected from one of a list of designated collection points. If your son is a boarder and you require a representative from Caldicott to collect the BRP, please select Slough Post Office, our closest collection point. It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to inform the Director of Admissions that school collection is required. We will keep the BRP in a locked safe, along with your son's passport. Otherwise, you can choose your most convenient location. Please submit a copy of the BRP for your son's school file.
- If you are granted digital immigration status, please send a copy of the confirmation email, which will include a 'share code', to the Director of Studies for our records.



Please be reminded that it is your responsibility to apply for the visa and to seek advice where appropriate. This is a guide to Caldicott procedure only and we cannot give out legal or immigration advice.

Information can be found on the UK Government website: www.gov.uk/child-study-visa.