



# Student Study Visas



Brighton College is licensed by UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) to issue Confirmations of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) in support of Child Student visas, as well as Student visas for pupils in our Upper Sixth (Year 13).

All pupils who do not hold British citizenship will need a Child Student visa to enrol at the College. The only exceptions to this are:

1. Irish citizens.
2. European citizens with Settled or Pre-Settled status.
3. Pupils who have, or will obtain, a visa permitting study (for example dependent visas and indefinite leave to remain).

**Please note:** A six-month Standard Visitor status (for example, that which is granted to EU, EEA, and Swiss nationals) is not a valid status for studying at the College. Study is permitted only on courses up to 6 months in length, while all courses offered by the College last a minimum of one year, and most often two to three years.

A Child Student visa is valid only for the school providing sponsorship of the visa, and so cannot be transferred from a pupil's previous school to the College – in such cases, the pupil must apply for a new visa sponsored by the College.

## Duration

Child Student visas last for the full duration of a course: for example two to three years of a GCSE course, or two years of an A-level course.

If your child's Child Student visa is due to expire within the next 12 months, and they will be continuing studies at the College into the next academic year, our admissions team will be in touch at the start of the year to provide details on renewing your child's visa.

## Day Pupils

If a pupil requires a Child Student visa and they will not be boarding, they may only live with a parent if that parent holds a [Parent of Child Student visa](#), applied for alongside the Child Student visa. The parent's visa expires as soon as the pupil turns 12.

Once the pupil turns 12, the only living arrangement permitted by both the rules of the Child Student visa and College policy is for the pupil to live with a [close, non-parent relative](#) over the age of 25 who is either a [UK national](#) or is [settled in the UK](#) – an aunt, uncle, grandparent, or older sibling.

The only exception to this is if the parent continues to hold a Parent of Child Student visa in relation to a younger child sponsored as a Child Student - in which case the older pupil may continue living with the parent until the younger child's visa expires or they turn 12 (whichever happens first).

We are unable to provide boarding places for day pupils in advance of turning 12: these are only available from Year 9 onwards (13 years of age) and are subject to an extensive waiting list.

While the College can provide sponsorship for Child Student visas to day pupils, we will require confirmation of your plans for when your child (or youngest child) turns 12 before we are able to proceed with sponsorship.

If your child would require a Child Student visa and would be applying for a day place, please contact [visas@brightoncollege.net](mailto:visas@brightoncollege.net) to discuss your child's intended living arrangements [before](#) making an application.

## Process

- Upon the acceptance of a place, you will be asked if your child requires a Child Student visa. If your child does not require a Child Student visa, and they do not hold British or Irish citizenship, you will be asked to provide details of their right to stay and study in the UK.
- All families with children requiring a Child Student visa will be contacted by our UKVI School Coordinator, requesting a copy of each child's passport. The family will also need to fill out and return several forms for each child:
  - **Parental Consent Form** (signed by the parents) – indicating that the parents give consent for the College to issue a CAS on behalf of the child.
  - **Guardian Contact Sheet** (signed by the guardian; boarders only) – providing details of a guardian aged 25 or over who lives within two hours of the College.
- ACAS will be issued for each child requiring sponsorship within two weeks of receiving all required documents.
- You will then be able to use the CAS number provided to [apply for their Child Student visa](#). Applications from outside the UK can be made 6 months prior to the start of term; applications from within the UK can be made 3 months prior to the start of term.
- Once approved, you will receive a decision letter from the Home Office detailing the conditions of your child's permission.

**Please note:** Brighton College is not involved in the visa application process from this point onwards; it is the responsibility of the family to apply for the pupil's visa. As the sponsor, Brighton College simply provides the CAS in support of the application.

## Arrival

Upon arriving at Brighton College, your child must bring their passport containing their entry clearance vignette to the admissions department. Our admissions team will then take a copy of:

1. Your child's [biometrics page](#)
2. Your child's [entry clearance vignette](#)

If your child is boarding at the College, their passport will then be collected by their boarding matron and securely stored in their boarding house's central safe.

*For more information regarding the College's sponsorship of student study visas, please contact [visas@brightoncollege.net](mailto:visas@brightoncollege.net).*