



Guardianship Programmes 2020/21



About Alpha Guardians



Alpha Guardians is a Guardianship Company which provides Guardian Services for children studying in the UK without their parents. It meets the UK requirements that each child must have an Educational Guardian who is resident in the UK, located near to the school and student, and can meet the student's needs during their time studying in a British School.

With many years experience of working with children of all ages, and as parents ourselves, the Alpha Guardians team are able to offer a wealth of knowledge and experience, advice and guidance, from helping you to select a school for your child, assisting with the application process, to providing academic and pastoral support and attending parents evenings on your behalf.

Due to our established relationships with schools we endeavour to support students in their academic studies, assisting students, providing guidance and supporting the school, so each student can benefit from all that is on offer to them. Likewise, our host families, many of whom have gained experience in working with, and supporting International students previously, look forward to receiving students into their homes, whether for long or short term placements and are able to provide for their individual needs and requirements.

What Alpha Does

'Alpha Guardians has demonstrated a very high standard indeed in its care of students'

AEGIS accreditation inspection report December 2016

With regular visits and communication, Alpha Guardians is able to provide support and guidance, remaining approachable by the students, hosts and schools that we work alongside, allowing us to deal quickly with any matters that arise. Similarly in the schools where we have students placed, many of which are local to our offices, we are able to meet with students and staff, send and receive communication regularly, ensuring that the students' school life is maximised.

Through regular contact, either directly or through an agent, parents are kept up to date with their child's progress and any school matters providing parents with a greater understanding of their child's schooling, activities, achievements or concerns. Alpha Guardians provides 24 hours a day / 7 days a week emergency cover, where students, hosts, schools and parents can feel assured that should an emergency or incident occur, a member of Alpha staff will be there to assist, whatever the situation or time.

We place student safety at the centre of all that we do and ensure all our staff, host families and partner agencies are safeguard trained and police checked, giving you the knowledge that your child can gain the best from their experience in the UK in a safe and secure environment.

So, welcome to Alpha Guardians! We look forward to working with you and your family over the coming weeks and months, getting to know your child and supporting them, as they embark on their studies and progress through their school life.

Schools where we can offer Guardianship

Cambridge, Suffolk, Norfolk and Essex



School Programmes

Abbey School
Barnadiston Hall
Beeston Hall
Brandeston Hall
Brentwood School
Cambridge Centre for Sixth
Form Studies
CATS College
Chigwell School
Culford School
Felsted School
Finborough School
Framlingham College
Gresham's School
Hethersett Old Hall School

Hethersett Old Hall School
Ipswich School
Ipswich High School
Kimbolton School
King's School Ely
Langley School
Orwell Park School
Riddlesworth Hall
Royal Hospital School
St Felix School
St Joseph's College
St Mary's School, Cambridge
Thetford Grammar School
The Leys School
Woodbridge School
Wymondham College



Independent School



Whether you have already gained a place at a UK Independent School or are planning to, you are aware of the benefits that this type of education can offer your child. Many Private Schools gain excellent grades at GCSE and A Level, with students progressing onto some of the top universities in the world.

Independent schools also have extensive facilities within their own grounds, particularly in sports and music, providing excellent opportunities for your child to experience different activities or learn new skills, alongside their academic achievements.

The benefits of boarding at school gives your child the opportunity to use these facilities outside of normal school hours, along with the network of new friendships made in the boarding house and school house staff, who are there for their day to day welfare needs.

For some, boarding is not an option or not suitable, and at Alpha Guardians we are able to provide an excellent range of host families, living near to the school, whilst enabling your child to benefit from living in a community setting. This can feel more like a 'home from home' environment and gives opportunity for language development and different activities near the homestay.

Over the next few pages we have tried to lay out the different packages and options we offer for students and their families. As all our students are different, so are the packages we offer.

Independent School

Below is a brief summary of some of the costs that you may incur and what they cover.

If you have any questions about anything we offer, or would like further information regarding any part of our service, please do not hesitate to contact us as we would be only too willing to discuss requirements with you.

If as yet you have not gained a place at a school, Alpha Guardians would be happy to assist you.

The Costs - these include

School Fees

A school deposit
Full board accommodation at school (if boarding)
All tuition fees

Alpha Guardians Fees

Registration fee
Annual guardianship fees (excluding holidays)

Expenses lodgement

Airport transfers
School uniform
Exeat and half term accommodation (boarding only)
Extra curricular activities and tuition
Pocket money

Please note that personal and travel insurance is not included in these programmes

Homestay Guardianship

Homestay Guardianship

£3500 GBP per term

Programme Cost

£3500 GBP per term

£10500 GBP payable per annum

Registration fee - £100 GBP (non refundable)

Expenses Lodgement - £1000 GBP (to be reimbursed, when funds drop below £200)

Total cost on application - £11600 GBP

Suitable For

This programme is suitable for students aged 11 - 19 years in school years 7 - 13, in an Independent School and wishing to live with an English speaking, fully inspected host family within travelling distance of the school (not all Independent Schools accept Homestay students)

Please note: For students wishing to withdraw from the programme, a terms' written notice is required or fees equal to one term must be paid in lieu of notice period

Homestay Guardianship

Programme Summary

- An airport welcome by one of the Alpha Team or a named driver
- Application for a school place with supporting documentation for applications received by 1st July
- Host family accommodation including full board at weekends, half terms and half board during term time
- Fully checked and inspected host family with DBS (police) checks, references and house inspection
- Own bedroom
- Regular contact with students from the Alpha Team
- Termly visits to both student and host family
- Attendance at school functions by one of the Alpha Team e.g. progress/parents evenings, award nights
- Half term accommodation included
- Arrangement of transport to/from airport by car, coach or taxi
- An expenses lodgement
- Emergency Cover 24 hours a day
- Registration with local Doctor
- Bank account opening
- Liaison with Private Fostering Team (under 16's only)

Optional Extras

Transport costs
Host family accommodation during school holidays
Pocket money
School uniform
School excursions
School lunches

Boarding Guardianship

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£500 GBP per term

Programme Cost

£500 GBP per term

£1500 GBP payable per annum

Registration fee - £100 GBP (non refundable)

Expenses Lodgement - £1000 GBP

Total cost on application - £2600 GBP

Suitable For

This programme is suitable for students aged 7 - 19 years of age in school years 3 - 13, with a boarding place at an Independent school looking for a higher level of support from their Guardian. This programme is suitable for all students that are living in a Boarding House in an Independent School.

Please note some independent schools specify the level of guardianship that they expect the student to have.

Please note: For students wishing to withdraw from the programme, a terms' written notice is required or fees equal to one term must be paid in lieu of notice period.

Boarding Guardianship

Programme Summary

- An airport welcome by one of the Alpha Team or a named driver
- Regular contact from the Alpha Team to student and school
- Termly visits to the student at the school, with written report sent to parents via agent
- Attendance at school functions by one of the Alpha Team e.g. progress/parents evening, award nights
- Half term accommodation arranged with fully checked and inspected host family with DBS (police) checks, references (costs apply)
- Arrangement of transport to host family for half term or other times when host family accommodation is required (costs apply)
- Arrangement of transport to/from airport by car, coach or taxi (costs apply)
- An expenses lodgement
- Emergency Cover 24 hours a day / 7 days a week / 365

Optional Extras

Transport costs
Host family accommodation during school holidays
Pocket money
School uniform
School excursions
School lunches

University Guardianship

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£150 GBP per term

Programme Cost

£150 GBP per term

£450 GBP payable per annum

Registration fee - £50 GBP (non refundable)

Expenses Lodgement - £300 GBP

Total cost on application - £800 GBP

Suitable For

This programme is suitable for students aged 17 and above with a place at a British university on a foundation course or in university where the support of a guardian is required or deemed necessary by the university.

This option is designed to offer the essential services, giving peace of mind that someone in the UK will help and support the student when required, without compromising on safety. We will give the student advice and support as needed, along with access to transport and host family arrangements if required.

Please note: For students wishing to withdraw from the programme, a terms' written notice is required or fees equal to one term must be paid in lieu of notice period.

University Guardianship

Programme Summary

- Arrangement of transport to/from airport if required
- Arrangement of host family accommodation if required
- Emergency cover 24 hours a day
- Liaison with the university to assist with application, arrival and throughout your time there, until no longer required
- The Alpha team are available for support and advice
- Visa support letter if required

Bespoke Programmes

For a bespoke programme please contact us, we would be happy to discuss your individual requirements

For further information regarding all of our programmes please visit our website at www.alphaguardians.co.uk

Frequently Asked Questions



What is an Expenses Lodgement?

An expenses lodgement is required for all students attending an Independent School and it can be used for items not included in the school fees such as:

- Air Tickets
- Transport Costs
- School Uniform
- School Excursions or Extra Curricular Activities
- Additional Academic or Music Tuition Fees
- Pocket Money
- Host Family Accommodation with fully vetted and DBS checked hosts
- Visa Fees
- Additional visits to host/school as required
- Additional Guardianship Fees during Christmas/Easter/Summer

This money is held on your behalf on a trust basis. A financial statement will be sent to you at the end of each term detailing your child's expenditure. If funds become low, a request will be made to replenish the fund. No major expenditure will be made without parental permission.

What is a Registration Fee?

The registration fee covers the initial work carried out prior to the student arrival, such as arrangement of airport transport, school documentation, liaison with parents, school, host (when applicable) and general preparation to ensure a smooth transition to the student's time in the UK.

Additional Costs



Our aim is to make our costs as minimal and clear as possible. Please see below other charges that may be incurred.

	GBP
Additional homestay accommodation during school holidays	£40.00 per night
Hourly rate	£10.00 per hour
Mileage rate	£0.50 per mile
Christmas Supplement payable for stays between Christmas and New Year	£150.00
Additional Guardianship Fee payable during long school holidays (Christmas, Easter and Summer)	£6 per night

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