



Information for Students Aged under 18 and their Parents

Swansea University has a duty of care towards all its students and staff. In the case of students joining the University before their 18th birthday, this duty is enhanced as such students are regarded as children under UK law. In order that families can be assured of the University's commitment to the safety and well-being of younger students, this document has been produced as a guide to the level of care provided by the institution.

Students and their families should bear in mind that the Swansea University is an adult environment. Students are expected to behave like adults and to assume an adult level of responsibility. Universities in the UK do not provide the same level of supervision as universities in many other countries. Students are expected to have the necessary skills to study and live independently alongside people from a wide variety of backgrounds. The Swansea University has students of all ages from over 100 different countries. It is necessary for these students to adapt to academic life in the UK and to living away from home and looking after themselves in all practical matters. This can be particularly challenging for younger students. For this reason, every student aged under 18 at the time of enrolment with the University will be allocated a personal tutor who has special responsibility for younger students.

The University is not in loco parentis i.e. it is not in the same position as a parent and does not accept that level of responsibility for its students. For this reason, if a student's parents are not resident in the UK, it will be necessary for them to appoint a guardian in the UK and provide contact details for this person and their informed consent to acting in this capacity.

Being a guardian involves carrying out the tasks and responsibilities of the parent as delegated by the child's parents. As such it is a private arrangement between the parent and the guardian. The University is not able to assist parents in finding a suitable guardian but for those families who do not have friends or relatives in the UK, a list of accredited agencies can be obtained from:

The Association of Educational Guardians for International Students (AEGIS)
66 Humphreys Close
Randwick
Stroud
GL5 4NY
Tel/Fax: +44 (0)1453 755160
Email: aegisuk@btopenworld.com

The list is available on their website at www.aegisuk.net



In rare instances, consent for emergency medical treatment may be required before parents or guardians can be contacted. The University therefore requires parents to give their consent that, in the case of such an emergency, the University has parental permission to act on medical advice and do what is in the best interests of the child.

Although those under 18 are regarded as children under the law, they still have the right under the Data Protection Act for information about them not to be disclosed without their consent. This means that the University is not able to give information to parents regarding the student's progress, results etc unless the student has given their specific consent.

UK Travel arrangements and visa application

Students aged 16 or 17 have the legal right to live independently in the UK and may make their own accommodation arrangements. However, when 16 or 17 year olds apply for a visa under the Tier 4 (General) route, they must have their parents' permission to both travel to the UK and to live independently and travel; therefore suitable care arrangements should be made for students in advance of their arrival in the UK.

Before the University can issue the documents needed to apply for a visa (Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies or CAS) we will need both parents to sign the attached form (or just one parent or guardian if they have sole responsibility for the student). When your son or daughter applies for a visa they will also need to provide with the visa application proof of the relationship in the form of a document which names the parents and student (e.g. a birth certificate, certificate of adoption etc).

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Under 18 Consent Form

If your child decides to accept the offer of a place at the Swansea University, please ensure the declarations below are completed, signed and returned, at the time he/she accepts the offer, to:

Admissions Office, Swansea University, Singleton Park, Swansea SA2 0LR
email: admissions@swansea.ac.uk

Parent(s) / Legal Guardian(s)

- i) I/we consent for my son/daughter to undertake this course at Swansea University.
- ii) I/we understand that the Swansea University is not in loco parentis and have appointed a guardian in the UK. Their contact details and authorisation are provided below.
- iii) I/we consent to the activities that the student will be undertaking as a participant on the course.
- iv) I/we consent to the Swansea University acting on medical advice in the best interests of the child to authorise emergency medical treatment if it is not possible to contact either myself or the appointed guardian.
- v) I/we understand and accept that the Swansea University is an adult environment and that my son/daughter will generally be treated as an adult.
- vi) I/we understand and accept that while studying at the Swansea University my son/daughter will be subject to UK law and the rules of the University.
- vii) I/we understand and accept that the Swansea University cannot release information relating to my son/daughter's progress, either academic or social, without my son/daughter giving the University express consent to release the information.
- viii) I/we understand that, as my son/daughter will be under 18 upon arrival, travel and suitable care arrangements must have been made in advance of their arrival in the UK and I/we consent to them living independently.
- ix) I/we agree to appoint a UK Guardian or nominate an appropriate UK resident e.g. relative or family friend prior to my son's/daughter's acceptance at the University.
- x) I/we confirm that the individual named below is residing in the UK and will be the guardian for my son/daughter.

Parent 1: I (name) _____ declare that I have read and accept the above conditions.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Relationship to student _____

Parent 2: I (name) _____ declare that I have read and accept the above conditions.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Relationship to student _____

About the student

Student's name _____ Birthday _____

Name of doctor _____

Doctor's phone number _____

Does your child suffer from any medical condition? (eg asthma, epilepsy, diabetes)

Medication details (name of medicine and dosage) _____

Does your child have any learning disabilities we need to be made aware of in order to plan activities effectively? _____

Does your child have any allergies? _____

About the parent(s)/guardian(s) in home country

Name _____ Phone number _____

Name _____ Phone number _____

Student

I (student's name), _____, agree that Swansea University may disclose any personal data relevant to any unpaid fees or charges to the named parent(s)/legal guardian(s) above.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

UCAS application number or Student number: _____

UK Guardian**Name of Guardian:**

MIKE MURPHY

UK Address:

28 PELAN CRES, UPLANDS, SWANSEA

Post Code: SA2 0QB

Email: enjoyebre@group-team.com

Tel No: 00 34 690 882 585

Relationship to student:

TUTOR