



**RADLEY**

# **Education Guardianship Policy and Agreement**

**November 2024**

## Education Guardianship Policy

Parents of pupils at Radley College who are normally resident outside the UK must appoint an Education Guardian who is resident in the UK and will provide a good level of care whilst the pupil is in the UK but not at the College. **The safety and wellbeing of pupils is our utmost priority** and therefore this is the case for all pupils, irrelevant of their age and regardless of their nationality.

Parents who are normally resident in the UK but travel overseas on a regular basis during term time will also need to nominate a third party to act in loco parentis in their absence.

### Definition of an Education Guardian

It is important to recognise the distinction between 'Education Guardian' and 'Legal Guardian'. 'Education Guardian' is not a legal term and should not be used interchangeably with a Legal Guardian. An Education Guardian is someone who has been appointed to care for international pupils in the UK, acting on behalf of the parents, when the pupil is not in school (eg. exeats, half-terms, holidays, for medical or disciplinary reasons or if the school has had to close in times of emergency).

### Appointing an Education Guardian

The school does not make, or facilitate, the arrangement of guardianship or host family accommodation. The responsibility for appointing an Education Guardian rests solely with parents. This can be either a family member or close family friend, an AEGIS accredited guardianship organisation (The Association for the Education & Guardianship of International Students <http://www.aegisuk.net>) or a BSA Certified Guardian under the Scheme operated by the Boarding Schools' Association.

The Education Guardian must be appointed before the boy joins the school. The school will send Parents an 'Education Guardianship Policy and Agreement' asking for contact details of the Education Guardian. This must be completed, signed by both parents and the Education Guardian and sent to Radley by 1 August prior to the pupil joining Radley in September. Radley College will not accept a new student to the school until the Education Guardian arrangements have been confirmed. Parents are responsible for giving a copy of this Education Guardianship Policy and Agreement to the Education Guardian for their signature.

The responsibility for carrying out any safeguarding checks rests solely with parents, but the school must agree to the suitability of the Education Guardian. The Education Guardian will only be deemed suitable if he/she is resident in the UK at an acceptable proximity to Radley, speaks English, so as to ensure effective communication with the College, is not regularly involved in travel overseas, and is capable of providing care for a child in a happy, secure home environment as would a reasonable and responsible parent. A university student resident in student accommodation or halls of residence would not be a suitable Education Guardian.

**Parents must arrange for their son's Education Guardian to meet his Social Tutor at, or before, the beginning of their son's first term.** Guardians of Radley pupils must agree to provide proof of residency in the UK and photographic ID at this meeting.

To comply with National Minimum Boarding Standards, Educational Guardianship arrangements will be monitored on a regular basis. Parents must keep the school informed of any changes to the Education Guardian, including all contact details.

### **The Responsibilities of the Education Guardian**

1. The Education Guardian will be responsible for the care of the pupil, as would a responsible and caring parent, whenever the pupil is residing in the UK but is not the responsibility of the school or the boy's parents at that time. This includes exeats, half-terms, holidays and in times of an emergency, such as an epidemic, when the school has to close. The Education Guardian will also be responsible for the care of the pupil if he has to leave the school for medical reasons or if he is excluded from school at short notice.
2. During these times, the Education Guardian will be responsible for looking after the pupil if medical issues require or if he is involved in an accident. He/she will need to be available to care for the pupil and make decisions as appropriate at such times.
3. The Education Guardian will be responsible for travel and accommodation arrangements for the pupil during these times and must ensure that the Social Tutor is aware of such arrangements.
4. The Education Guardian should collect and return the pupil at the appropriate times for the start and end of term/Leave Away and Exeats. All dates and timings are published on the website and in the school calendar. The Education Guardian is responsible for liaising with the Social Tutor if the pupil will be returning to College early for the start of term or post Leave-Away.
5. If the Education Guardian is going to be away from their home for longer than 24 hours, they must notify the Social Tutor. They must give full contact details for the period of absence and the name and address of a responsible person in the UK, fully authorised by the parents to act on their behalf.
6. The Education Guardian must be able to consent to emergency medical treatment for a pupil in the event that his parent/s cannot be contacted.
7. The Education Guardian is welcome to attend Parents' Meetings and school events as appropriate.
8. Where the pupil is studying at Radley College on a Child Student Visa, and the Education Guardian is facilitating travel arrangements to and from the UK, they must immediately contact both parents and the school in the event that the pupil does not reach them at the specified time, whether that be arrival at the airport or at their home.

## **Private Foster Care Arrangements**

The following applies to any pupil under the age of 16 (or under the age of 18 if disabled):

Parents are obliged to inform the local education authority if the Education Guardian appointed for their son is not a relative (defined as: grandparent, brother, sister, uncle or aunt) or legal guardian with parental responsibility and if their son would be staying with the Education Guardian for 28 days or more. This length of stay is considered by the state to be providing a Private Foster Care Arrangement and anyone providing a Private Foster Care Arrangement must inform and receive in advance all necessary approvals from the local borough in which they reside. Failure to do so without reasonable cause is an offence under the Children's Act 2004.

The school must inform the local authority of any Private Foster Care Arrangement where that arrangement has been made, or appears to have been made, without all necessary approvals having been properly obtained in advance from the local authority. The school will therefore require evidence of approvals from any Education Guardian who will be providing accommodation to any pupil in a Private Foster Care Arrangement.



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## Education Guardianship Agreement - Parents

Please read the Education Guardianship Policy before completing and signing this form. This Agreement must be returned by 1 August prior to the start of term in September. A copy of this Education Guardianship Policy must be given to the Education Guardian and the appointed Guardian must complete The Guardian Agreement Form below.

Please return this agreement by email to: [admissions@radley.org.uk](mailto:admissions@radley.org.uk)

Full Name of Pupil: .....

Date of Birth:..... Nationality:..... Passport No: .....

If using a Guardianship agency, please provide the name of the agency below:

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Telephone: ..... Email: .....

We/I hereby confirm that we/I have appointed the person below as the Education Guardian for our son. He/she will be responsible for the care of our son as outlined in the terms of the Radley Education Guardianship Policy when he is in the UK, but not the responsibility of the school (eg. exeats, half-terms, holidays and if the school is closed in an emergency or if our son has to leave the school for medical reasons or is excluded from the school at short notice).

### DETAILS OF EDUCATION GUARDIAN

Title: ..... First Name: ..... Last Name: .....

Relationship to Pupil (if any) .....

Address:.....

..... Post Code:.....

Home Tel: ..... Mobile Tel: .....

Email Address: .....

*Please sign the Agreement on the next page*

## SIGNATURES

**We/I agree to the terms and conditions laid out in the Radley College Education Guardianship Policy and have given a copy of this signed Agreement to our son's Education Guardian.**

Signature of Parent 1:.....

Name of Parent 1:.....

Signature of Parent 2:.....

Name of Parent 2: .....

***Both parents should sign. Parents who are divorced or separated will each receive a form.***



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## Education Guardianship Agreement - Guardian

**The Education Guardian must read this Education Guardianship Policy before completing and signing this Agreement. This Agreement must be returned by 1 August prior to the start of term in September.**

Please return this agreement by email to: [admissions@radley.org.uk](mailto:admissions@radley.org.uk)

Full Name of Pupil: .....

Date of Birth: .....

Education Guardian Name: .....

Address: .....

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Telephone/Mobile: .....

Email: .....

**I have read the Radley College Education Guardianship Agreement and confirm that as the appointed Guardian of the above-named pupil, I accept and agree to comply with the requirements and to undertake the responsibilities outlined therein. I acknowledge that I am fully resident in the UK and that I will provide proof of residency along with photographic ID when I meet the above-named pupil's Social Tutor before, or on, the first day of term.**

Signature of Education Guardian: .....

Date: .....