

Entry Requirements and Visas 2025/26

If you do not have a British or Irish passport then you will require a **Visa**, an **ETA** (Electronic Travel Authorisation) or a **Visitor Visa**.

Visas

Students who plan to study at Earlscliffe for MORE than 6 months will need a visa. This can be:

- An Earlscliffe sponsored **Child Student** visa (for those 17 and under)
- An Earlscliffe sponsored **Student** visa (for those 18 and over)
- Any other visa allowing you the right to remain in the UK e.g. BNO, pre-settlement, refugee status, Ukraine sponsorship scheme

Students who have had a previous visa in the UK, for example at another school, should provide details of this during the application process.

What type of visa?

Students studying with us for more than 6 months:

- Students aged 18 and over will be applying for a **STUDENT** visa. They will require a [UKVI IELTS](#) qualification to make the application.
- Students aged 17 and under will apply for a **CHILD STUDENT** visa.

Students studying with us for less than 6 months e.g September - December OR January - June will need either an **ETA** (Electronic Travel Authorisation) or a **Visitor Visa**

Check [HERE](#) first to see if you are able to apply for an ETA

If an ETA is not available to you - please check what type of visa you need [HERE](#)

Important: Students with an ETA or a visitor visa will not receive free treatment on the NHS (National Health Service) – therefore **adequate travel insurance should be arranged** prior to travel. We cannot make recommendations on travel insurance. A copy of the travel insurance policy will be required prior to arrival.

Starting the Earlscliffe sponsored visa application process

Earlscliffe uses the Dukes Education Visa and Immigration team to issue you with a **CAS - Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies**. The CAS is a number that you require to submit a visa application.

A charge of £320 (incl.VAT) per CAS required will be added to your invoice.

On payment of the first term's fees a member of the team will contact you to start the procedure.

Our team will need from you the following:

- Student Passport copy – must be in date
- Birth Certificate copy – with certified English translation if applicable
- Signed Parental Consent Letter
- Copies of both parents' passports
- Bank statements in either parent name*

Students over 18 will need to provide the above documents and:

- IELTS academic for UKVI certificate (dated within the past year)

The Dukes Education Visa and Immigration team will then ask for any other significant documents.

Once all documents are received you will be sent a draft CAS for approval. **Please check this carefully.** Once approved you are issued with the final document that you will use to proceed with your visa application.

**Bank statements must be compliant with UKVI guidelines. You can read more here about whether you may be required to provide bank statements <https://www.gov.uk/studentvisa/money>. All bank statements must be dated within 30 days of the intended visa application date and clearly show the required fund available for 28 consecutive days. Business/corporate accounts are not accepted.*

Visa application

Please note that while we will help and support you as much as possible through the visa application process, it is the responsibility of the student and their family to complete the application correctly. If you feel you need assistance in making the application or have more complex visa requirements, we recommend you consult an independent immigration advisor in your home country.

Once the process is complete **please send a copy of your application and any confirmation emails to your Dukes Education Visa consultant as soon as possible.**

Visa granted

When your visa application is approved you will receive an email confirming that your application has been successful. **Please send a copy of this to your Dukes Education Visa consultant.**

You will then need to [create a UKVI account](#). Please do this using your personal email and phone number as you may need to log in to it at any time to prove your status.

Finally, you will have to [Prove your immigration status](#) by providing us with a share code.

Returning students

Students returning to Earlscliffe for the next academic year will need to check the validity of their current visa.

If you are changing course (e.g. moving from GCSE to A-Level), you will probably need a new visa for the next stage of your education. You should continue to use the same UKVI account and login details as your previous visa and follow the procedure above.

We recommend that you start this process as soon as you have returned home at the end of June. You will need to pay the first term's fees and the CAS fee which will be sent to you with your new offer. We will then refer you to the Dukes Education Visa and Immigration team.

Technical information

You may need to download the [UK Immigration ID check app](#) to complete your application.

Please ensure that any application is made using your own email address and that you have access to this on your device. You can also appoint a 'helper' on the account – this can be a parent or guardian who can access, understand and support your application.

I need more information

If you have any general questions about CAS, visa applications or renewals or your arrival at Earlscliffe please contact admissions@earlscliffe.co.uk

Schengen Visas

The countries in the Schengen area are:

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland.

Schengen visas can be valid for up to 180 days and are Single or Multiple entry. To apply you will need to confirm full details of the first visit e.g travel and accommodation information.

Full information on Schengen visas including lists of the countries that are affected can be found here on the official site for the European Union; [Schengen Visa information](#) or look at the [FAQ](#)

Schengen visas are the responsibility of the student/family. We can not provide official support for these applications.

Sponsored Students Responsibilities

As a Sponsored Student, there are certain things you must do, and keep us informed about, to continue the sponsorship throughout your time with us.

You must:

- Make every effort to attend each day and fully engage and participate in all your timetabled classes and activities
- Inform us immediately of any unavoidable absences such as illness or medical appointments
- Read, understand and adhere to the term dates which are published and sent to you.
- Holidays and flights should be booked in accordance with these. Any requests for absences made outside of our holiday dates will be refused unless there are exceptional circumstances
- Inform us if you immigration status has changed
- Inform us if you get a new passport, eVisa, or other immigration document
- Inform us of any change to your living or care arrangements, this includes change of home address, change of guardian or guardians address/contact details etc.
- Inform us of any change of contact information for you, your parents, or your guardian. This includes mobile phone number, email, or address.
- Abide by the conditions of your visa, which may include work restrictions or minimum study periods etc.

As a sponsor licence holder, we have many responsibilities to the Home Office and UKVI. We always aim to work collaboratively with students, families and guardians to ensure that each sponsored student has the best experience with us and is afforded every opportunity to achieve their educational goals. We very much appreciate your continued support and if at any time you have any questions or concerns regarding your immigration status and right to study, you should contact us immediately.

Student Immigration Team, April 2025