



SHERBORNE BOYS

Boys joining the School who require a Child Student/Student Visa

We are delighted that you have accepted an unconditional place at Sherborne Boys for your son and we are looking forward to welcoming him to the School.

Sherborne Boys is a Child Student/Student Visa Sponsor for the UKVI (UK Visas and Immigration). This means that we are licenced to be able to issue Confirmations of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) for Child Student/Student Visas. If your son requires a visa, on receipt of the documentation requested in the CAS Application Form we can generate a CAS for you. We will complete an online form from the Home Office to generate the CAS number, which will be unique to your son. A copy of the form will be sent to you showing the details that have been input and evidence used to offer the place. There will be a cost of £100 attached to this process and this will be added to your Autumn term fees invoice.

Visas are issued for the length of your course meaning that if you join in Third or Fourth Form, your visa will go up to the end of the Fifth Form only. It will then be necessary to apply for a new Child Student/Student Visa before returning to the School to commence your A level studies in Sixth Form.

A CAS can only be issued if your son has an unconditional offer to the School. We will contact you in March/April before your son is due to start at the School and will require you to send us the following documents in advance of us issuing a CAS to you:

- A colour copy of your son's passport – the passport should be valid for the start date of your course and ideally for the course length
- A copy of your son's birth certificate
- A colour copy of both parents passports
- A copy of a parental consent letter, signed by both parents
- Completed form – Permissions to hold passport
- A completed nominated Guardian form. From 29 May 2025 the UKVI rules around guardianship and safeguarding of pupils is changing. **(Please refer to our Guardian Policy for the current UKVI requirements around guardianship) [Guardianship of Pupils \(April 2025\)](#)**
- A TB (tuberculosis) certificate. If you are unsure if you will be required to provide this certificate, please refer to the listed countries on the UKVI website www.gov.uk/guidance/immigration-rules/immigration-rules-appendix-t-tuberculosis-screening

Please note that we will not be able to provide a CAS until we are in receipt of the above documentation.

The School may also wish to have evidence that you have the equivalent of the first year of school fees available in your personal bank account (not a business account) if you reside in a certain country. This will be requested from us on our initial letter to you about applying for a visa. We may, therefore, ask you to provide a copy of your bank statement that shows you have held these funds for a consecutive 28-day period and ending no more than 31 days before your visa application.

The bank statement must show the following information:

- The full name of the account holder
- The account number
- The banks name and logo
- That the required amount has been in the account for at least 28 days

It is also possible for you to pay the year's fees in advance, as this will mean that you do not have to provide evidence of finances for the visa application. If this is the case, the full amount paid will show up on the CAS statement and show that fees have been paid in full.

Once the School is satisfied that all documents and finances are in place, we will apply for your CAS and forward a copy of this CAS to you, along with the CAS number. It is important that you confirm that this information is accurate and that you contact us if you note any mistakes. As we apply for a CAS online, the information is available to the UKVI to look at when you make your visa application.

We are unable to accept a Child Student/Student Visa that your son may hold from another School. Your son's visa must be under Sherborne Boy's sponsorship licence.

How do I apply for my visa?

Further details on how to apply for your visa can be found on www.gov.uk/child-study-visa/overview

The UK government has now replaced physical immigration documents with a digital proof of immigration status called an e-Visa. e-Visa holders will then be able to access their e-Visa through a UK Visa & Immigration (UKVI) account. If and when your son's visa is approved, you will be required to set up a UKVI account and link your son's travel documents to this account. The e-Visa will be an online record of your son's immigration status.

Do I need to pay the Immigration Healthcare Surcharge (IHS)?

All boys applying for visas and coming to the UK for more than 6 months will be required to pay a charge to cover National Health Service (NHS). The payment goes directly to the NHS and this is a compulsory requirement as part of the visa application.

The fee is paid when you first apply for your visa and the IHS will be incorporated into your main application form so there is no need to pay for this separately. For the current healthcare surcharge, please click [here](#).

When your son's visa is approved, you will receive an 'Entry Clearance Letter' which will confirm the length of the visa. Please ensure that a copy of this letter is emailed to the School at admissions@sherborne.org. Your son may also be issued with a 30 day travel vignette in the form of an entry visa in your passport. The vignette gives your son the permission required to enter the country. The vignette will have an expiry date in the top right hand corner and your son will need to have entered the country before that date otherwise you will be required to apply for a new vignette.

When your son arrives at School, he will need to bring his passport to the Admissions Department where a member of the team will photocopy his passport photo page and the vignette, if applicable, which will be stamped with his date of entry into the UK. If your son does not have a vignette in his passport with an entry date stamp, we will require him to provide evidence of when he arrived in UK such as a boarding pass or flight ticket.

For further information on Child Student/Student Visas, please refer to the full guidance on www.gov.uk