



New Guardianship Arrangement (April 2025)

Background and History

[Pippa's Guardians](#) was founded in 1997 and provides Guardian Services for international pupils attending boarding schools in Britain. Pippa Hughes, then the Registrar at Cheltenham College, saw the need for a different kind of Guardianship service. The company is now headed by Ben Hughes, Pippa's son, with the same quality of service. [Glasmacher Schulberatung](#) has been co-operating with Pippa's Guardians successfully since 1997 if a family did not have a family or a friend in the UK to act as a guardian. The service has always been reliable and excellent.

New Rules by UK Visa and Immigration (UKVI)

UKVI published new rules in March 2025 that every pupil holding a Child Student Visa must have a Nominated Guardian. This can be an AEGIS accredited Guardian Agency, or families can name a close relative (e.g. grandparent, sibling, stepparent, aunt or uncle) or family friend. Close relatives and family friends need to be British citizens or settled in the UK, and have to submit documentation (passport, settlement status, proof of address) and a detailed "letter of undertaking".

The details of the Nominated Guardian have to be included in the CAS letter issued by the school and in the online application for the Child Student Visa. Visa applications with guardians that don't meet the standards of UKVI have a higher chance of being refused. We expect that most British boarding schools will apply these stricter guardian rules for all pupils (also for those who don't need a Child Student Visa).

New Service for Glasmacher Families from Pippa's Guardians

In order to fulfill these new guidelines and to make things easier for our families, Pippa's Guardians and Glasmacher Schulberatung have agreed on a new and unique Guardianship package for Glasmacher families for the school year 2025/2026:

- For the price of 120 GBP per term (= 100 GBP + VAT) per term, Pippa's Guardians agrees to be the Nominated Guardian for your pupil. The fee is applicable for every term that the pupil is at the school in Britain. (The rate for Pippa's European Package for other families is 295 GBP per term plus 200 GBP registration fee.)
- Glasmacher Schulberatung will provide contact details for the families selecting the service directly to Pippa's Guardians.
- Pippa's Guardians will contact each family and sign a Guardian Agreement with them. This Guardian Agreement can be forwarded to the school and uploaded as part Section 4 ("Provide Evidence") in the Child Student Visa application.
- Pippa's Guardians will provide each family with contact details, a 24/7 mobile number in case of an emergency, a Student Handbook and invite each pupil to a "Getting Started" Webinar before the start of the school year.
- Pippa's Guardians will send the list of students it has under its guardianship to each school at the beginning of each term.

Any additional service provided by Pippa's Guardians (for example, becoming active in the case of an emergency, help with travel arrangements to/from the airport, providing a host family for a stay over exeat or during school holidays etc.) will be invoiced at extra cost.

If you would like to participate in this new Guardian Arrangement, please send an email to info@glasmacher.de.