



Brexit as we know it so far

ADVICE FOR PROSPECTIVE MILLFIELD STUDENTS, CURRENTLY LIVING OVERSEAS

Millfield has been closely monitoring information released from the UK Government to establish how Brexit might affect prospective students who live overseas. This information provides a practical interpretation of the UK Government's current immigration proposals and is based upon the Boarding Schools' Association Autumn Briefing (September 2019) and information on the Gov.UK website.

The information is accurate at time of writing (16 December 2020) and will be updated should there be a change in political circumstances or UK Government policy.

The British Government has withdrawn from the European Union and we are heading towards the end of the transition period, after which all students who are not British or Irish passport holders, or who do not have indefinite leave to remain, will be required to obtain pre-settled or settled status in the UK in order to be eligible to study here.

A Brexit deal has been agreed in principle and the UK and EU have signed the withdrawal agreement. There is a transition period to negotiate new arrangements and prepare for the new rules which will take place on 1 January 2021.

Transition Period

31 January 2020 – 31 December 2020

The intention is that the new immigration rules during the transition period, which would require EU students to have a visa, or be here under the EU Settlement Scheme, will take effect in January 2021:

- Until 31 December 2020, the current immigration rules will apply and EU students will be able to come to the UK to study at Millfield without a visa. Those who have been resident, or at boarding school, for 5 years prior to 31 December 2020 can apply for settled status, otherwise, you will need to apply for pre-settled status, which can then be transferred to settled status once the 5-year residency requirement has been met.
- For non-EU, prospective students who live overseas, there will be no change to the immigration rules during the implementation period. Students will continue to apply for a Tier 4 visa, until the new immigration system is implemented on 1 January 2021.

From 1 January 2021

The new immigration rules are planned to take effect from 1 January 2021.

In order to remain in the UK beyond the above implementation period, EU citizens must have obtained specific, individual permission to remain in the UK.

The EU Settlement Scheme provides the immigration status required to:

- continue to live, work and study in the UK

- access public services like the NHS

If a child does not already have settled status, or indefinite leave to remain, you will need to complete a short online application form (via the link below) and you will be required to provide:

- proof of the child's identity
- proof of the child's residency in the UK (Millfield can provide you with a document to help fulfil this requirement)

The deadline to apply is 30 June 2021.

APPLY TO THE EU SETTLEMENT SCHEME (settled and pre-settled status)

Once a child's settled or pre-settled status has been approved, they will be able to remain in the UK to complete their studies.

The process is straightforward, but should you require any help with the application, please contact the government advice helpline on 0300 123 7379 (if you are calling from within the UK) or +44 (0) 203 080 0010 (if you are outside the UK).

As we receive further advice from the UK Government, we will continue to update current and prospective parents on how to proceed ready for the implementation of the single immigration system from 1 January 2021.

In the meantime, if you have any further questions, please email admissions@millfieldschool.com