

Child Student Visas



Mayfield School is licensed by UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) to issue Confirmations of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) for Child Student visas.

All non-UK passport holders will require a Child Student visa to be able to study at Mayfield. The only exceptions to this are:

1. Irish citizens.
2. European citizens with Settled or Pre-Settled status.
3. Pupils who have, or will obtain, a visa permitting study (for example dependent visas, BNO and indefinite leave to remain).

Please note: A six-month Standard Visitor status (for example, that which is granted to EU, EEA, and Swiss nationals) is **not** a valid status for studying full time at Mayfield School. Study is permitted only on courses up to 6 months in length.

A Child Student visa is valid only for the school providing sponsorship of the visa, and so cannot be transferred from a pupil's previous school to Mayfield – in such cases, the pupil must apply for a new visa sponsored by the School.

Duration

Child Student visas last for the full duration of a course: for example 3 years of a pre-GCSE course, two years of a GCSE course or two years of an A-level course. If your daughter's Child Student visa is due to expire within the next 12 months, and they will be continuing studies at Mayfield into the next academic year, our admissions team will be in touch at the start of the year to provide details on renewing your child's visa.

Boarding Requirements for Child Student Visa Pupils

An international student may only live with a parent in the UK if that parent holds a BNO (British National Overseas) visa.

The only living arrangement permitted by the rules of the Child Student visa is for the pupil to board **full time***.

(* Full time equates to term time and 3 in every four weekends. Occasional weekend away is acceptable but not on a regular basis).

Process

- Upon the acceptance of a place, you will be asked if your child requires a Child Student visa. If your child does not require a Child Student visa, and they do not hold British or Irish citizenship, you will be asked to provide details of their right to stay and study in the UK.
- All families with children requiring a Child Student visa will be contacted by our Admissions Team, requesting a copy of each child's passport along with a copy of the parent's passport.
- The family will also need to fill out and return several forms for each child:
 - Parental Consent Form (signed by both parents) – indicating that the parents give consent for the School to issue a CAS on behalf of the child.
 - Guardian Contact Sheet (signed by the guardian) – providing details of a guardian aged 25 or over who lives within two hours of the School.
- A CAS will be issued for each child requiring sponsorship within two weeks of receiving all required documents.
- The CAS is sent directly to **Fragomen LLP** who have been appointed by Mayfield School to assist families with their application (at a cost – see International Admissions Policy).
- Applications from outside the UK can be made 6 months prior to the start of term; applications from within the UK can be made 3 months prior to the start of term.
- All applications on the Child Student will result in an eVisa if granted. Once approved, you will receive a decision letter from the Home Office detailing the conditions of your child's permission. Those with an eVisa can [prove their status online](#). Students with this status can obtain a share code which needs to be sent to the School prior to arrival.

Please note: Mayfield School is not involved in the visa application process; it is the responsibility of the family to liaise with Fragomen to apply for the pupil's visa. As the sponsor, Mayfield School simply provides the CAS in support of the application.

Arrival

Upon arriving at Mayfield School, your daughter must bring their passport and their boarding pass to the Admissions department. Our Admissions team will then take a copy of:

1. Your child's biometrics page
2. Your child's boarding pass

Your child's passport will then be collected and securely stored in the central safe in the Main School Office.

For more information regarding Mayfield School's sponsorship of student study visas, please look through our International Student Policy (Link) or contact registrar@mayfieldgirls.org