

Praise for Quest Guardians:

“Quest Guardians provides a very good and efficient personal service to overseas students, their parents and schools. Great care is taken with the recruitment and allocation of host families and communication with students, parents, hosts and schools is regular and very good”



- AEGIS Inspector March 2008

Please contact Quest Guardians with any questions you have about guardianship for your child

Our experience with guardianship is unmatched so please contact us using any of the methods below for more information about our services.

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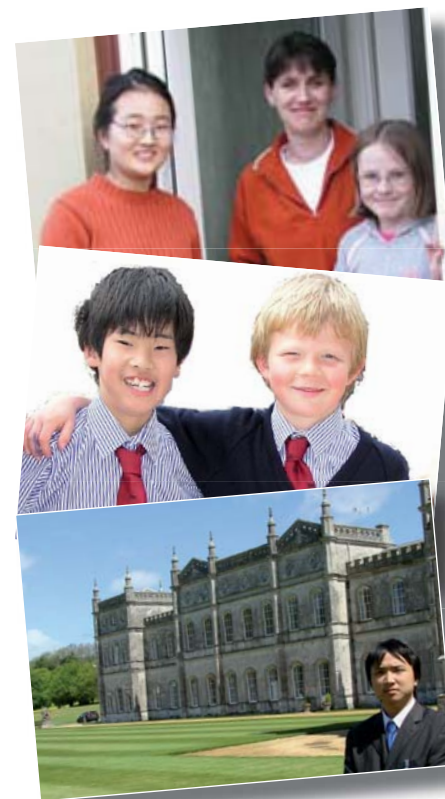
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Pictured: just some of the students who have been part of the Quest Guardians story since 1994.



Quest Guardians

Working with schools and parents
in support of international students

Quest Guardians provides guardianship services for parents living overseas, and for their sons and daughters attending boarding schools in the UK. Founded in 1994 by Sheelagh Michelmores, the business continues to be run on a highly personal and professional level by her son, Chris. Four regional co-ordinators, all experienced educationalists, regularly visit students and host families, whilst a team of four provide support from the Head Office in Wimborne.



Overseas parents need to know that their children are safe and well cared for, both during the school term and at times when schools are closed. During the term time the prime responsibility for the student's welfare lies with the school. However, Chris Michelmores or a member of the Quest Guardians' staff will visit the student at school each term to discuss progress, welfare and happiness, as well as host family arrangements. We will also take appropriate action at times of need or emergency, for which we provide 24 hour cover.

At times when the school is closed, Quest Guardians takes over full responsibility for the student, most notably by providing host families with whom the students live whilst the school remains closed and arranging transport as needed. Throughout these periods, Quest Guardians retains the role of legal guardian with the host family undertaking day to day care.



Quest Guardians answer the top six questions that parents ask us:

1 Why does my child need a guardian?

In the UK, it is a **visa** and **boarding school** requirement that every child from overseas must have a parent or guardian to take care of them:

- when the school closes for school breaks (like Half Term) and students need to stay with a host family
- to assist in travel to and from the school, family and airports
- to be available when things go wrong, like bad weather, illness (Swine Flu, SARS), disciplinary action



2 Who are the Host Families?

They are a wide variety of people who have room in their house for students. The room normally has a desk and storage and we ask for internet access. Hosts can be a widow or couple, younger adults with their own small children, or older families with grown up children. ALL hosts are police checked, inspected and selected for being welcoming to international students. They are all given guidance on looking after the students.

3 Who at Quest Guardians acts as my child's guardian?

The director, Chris Michelmore, has ultimate legal responsibility, together with his team of 4 admin staff in the office and 4 Regional Coordinators who visit your child in school and regularly inspect Host Families



4 Can my child stay with relatives or friends instead of a host family?

This is possible, but we must be notified within 7 days of the start of term. In addition, in the interests of your child's safety, we have a strict policy, dependent on your child's age at the start of the Term Break:

Parents permission will always be required in writing by verified email or fax, and for younger students (those under 16) we require a named adult, residing in the UK and aged over 25 years old who will take responsibility for the student during the stay. The full policy is available in the Students Handbook and the Overseas Parents Guidelines.

5 How much does it cost?

You have to pay a Registration Fee (between GBP150-200), an annual Guardianship Fee (between GBP870-1150/year) plus a Students Expenses Deposit which is up to GBP1000.



This deposit is used to pay for transfers and accommodation (GBP29-30 per night). Each term we send you a statement of expenses, showing the money required to restore the deposit. Full details are given on the Fee Schedules.

6 What happens if I want to stop the guardianship with Quest Guardians?

You can terminate at any time by giving us ONE FULL TERM'S notice. We will refund any advanced payment of fees and the credit balance on the Student Expenses Deposit.

Now, turn over for a chance to ask us your question...