

The Association for
the Education & Guardianship of International Students



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AEGIS was founded in 1994 by a group of established Guardianship Organisations and UK boarding schools that felt the need to promote universally high standards of guardianship for international students studying in the UK. AEGIS promotes the safety, welfare and education of international students aged 18 or under.

What is the main role of AEGIS?

The core work of AEGIS is the accreditation of Guardianship Organisations through a rigorous programme of inspections, led by ISI and OFSTED - trained inspectors.

Why should parents appoint an AEGIS accredited Guardianship Organisation?

A guardian acts on behalf of the parents, helping the student adapt to their new life. A guardian keeps in regular contact with the student during term time and assists with any problems that may arise. Suitable homestay accommodation is arranged by the guardian during holidays. A guardian will be available to both students and parents 24 hours a day in case of emergency.

Why should agents work with AEGIS accredited Guardianship Organisations?

A Guardianship Organisation will have experience of working with agents and parents of different nationalities and be able to offer a fast and efficient response. An AEGIS accredited Guardianship Organisation will offer peace of mind that safeguarding procedures and standards are being met.

Why should schools support the work of AEGIS and become an AEGIS member?

By supporting AEGIS, a school shows that it believes in best practice in the guardianship of international students. AEGIS membership demonstrates to overseas parents a commitment to their child's safety. Membership also ensures that the welfare of its international students meets the UK Visa and Immigration requirements for Tier 4 sponsors:

3.26 of Tier 4 of the Points Based System: Guidance for Sponsors

"Sponsors who recruit a child under the age of 18 must ensure suitable arrangements are in place for them in the UK. This must include arrangements for their: a) travel; b) reception when they arrive in the UK; and c) care while in the UK."

School members also benefit from discounted rates at our events, associated events and a full colour profile on the AEGIS website.

With over 35 fully accredited Guardianship Organisations and 80 school members, over 5000 international students are under AEGIS guardianship.

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