

International
Study Centre

Lancaster
University



UNDER 18 POLICY

2026/27

General Statement

Lancaster University International Study Centre is committed to safeguarding the welfare of all students under the age of 18. Students will be treated with dignity, respect and fairness, and provided with a safe learning environment free from harm. All appropriate safeguarding policies, including DBS checks and staff training, are in place to protect students.

Support for Students

The Student Services Team provides dedicated support for under-18 students, including welfare support, academic guidance, and emergency assistance. Designated staff act as key contacts to ensure students receive appropriate care and support throughout their studies.

Accommodation

All students under the age of 18 must live in approved accommodation in line with INTO policy.

Permitted accommodation options include:

1. Lancaster University Accommodation (INTO-arranged):

Students are expected to live in Lancaster University residential accommodation. All under-18 students in this accommodation must have a UK-based guardian in place. Students may use the INTO Guardianship Package or an AEGIS-accredited guardianship provider.

2. Purpose-Built Student Accommodation (PBSA):

Students may live in approved PBSA where the provider accepts under-18s. All students in PBSA must have an AEGIS-accredited UK-based guardianship service for the full duration they are under 18.

3. Living with a Close Family Relative:

Students may live with a close family relative aged 21 or over who meets UKVI requirements and is formally nominated as the student's UK guardian. In this case, a separate guardianship provider is not required.

Accommodation Not Permitted:

Students under 18 may not live in private rented accommodation, shared housing, lodgings, or informal arrangements.

Guardianship

All under-18 students must have appropriate guardianship arrangements in place where required.

Guardianship is mandatory for students living in Lancaster University accommodation and for those living in PBSA.

Students must have either:

- INTO Guardianship Package (AEGIS-accredited partner), or
- An alternative AEGIS-accredited UK-based guardianship provider.

Guardianship must be confirmed before enrolment and must cover the full period the student is under 18. Students will not be permitted to enrol without confirmed guardianship where required.

When a student turns 18, guardianship requirements cease automatically.

Expectations of Students

Students are expected to follow curfew, attendance, and conduct requirements. Any overnight absence must be approved in advance. Students must comply with UK law and Centre policies at all times.

Attendance and Conduct

Attendance is monitored closely. Failure to meet attendance or behavioural expectations may result in disciplinary action, including withdrawal. Parents may be informed, subject to consent.

Declaration

I confirm that I have read and understood this policy.

Student Name:

Signature:

Date:

Staff Declaration:

This is to confirm that the designated member of staff has met with the above student and ensured their understanding of the policy.

Staff Name:

Signature:

Date: