

Guardianship Services

at Gabbitas



What our clients say ...



“My daughter very much enjoyed her stay and the events you arranged for her. For future breaks we will certainly return to Gabbitas.”

Mr Luo, China

“Your fantastic hospitality during Eri’s recent homestay was greatly appreciated. I am particularly pleased to hear that Eri has found a good friend in your daughter.”

Mr Yamasaki, Japan

“Uppingham School values its long, and extensive, relationship with Gabbitas and in particular has been pleased with the guardianship services offered to overseas pupils and families who benefit from the depth of experience and quality of care that is characteristic of Gabbitas’ professionalism and attention to detail. We endorse their services strongly.”

Mr C Bostock, Registrar, Uppingham School



Guardianship and Student Support Services



Families sending their children overseas to school can do so with confidence in Gabbitas. We have been looking after children at school in the UK for over 100 years. Established in 1873, Gabbitas is the oldest education consultancy company in the world and a name synonymous with the best British schools.

For international students whose parents do not reside in the UK, the majority of schools and universities will require a UK based guardian to represent the parents whilst their child attends school, or is under 18 upon commencing university.

Many children who have been in our care are now parents and grandparents themselves and send their children and grandchildren to us today. We were a founding member of AEGIS, the Association for the Education and Guardianship of International Students, established in 1997 and we continue to work with schools all over the UK and with families from all over the world.

We know how challenging it is for you as parents when your children are far away from home. We keep in touch with you directly and with your child so whether it is making sure that they have the right tennis kit or someone to come to the school concert we are always there for you and for them.

We are available 24/7 for you and your child to ensure that they have a fantastic experience living and studying in the UK. Our aim is to help your child build their self-confidence and love of learning so that they reach their educational potential and take their experience into their careers and future life.

We visit every host family, ensuring that all the children we look after can be assured of having a kind and caring home from home. We also visit every child in our care to make sure they are settling in. We have an excellent network of host families, many of whom have worked with us for many years. We arrange transport, including flights, to and from school, working with designated drivers and chauffeurs for a safe and comfortable journey.

Our team includes speakers in Mandarin, Cantonese, Russian and most Indian and European languages. We have a dedicated guardianship team in London and in Greater China with our UK office providing a 24 hour round the clock service. The UK team are all vetted through the UK Home Office National Disclosure and Barring Service; and with our Designated Safeguarding Officer, our policies and procedures have been established with the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC).

Whether you need a full boarding school guardianship programme or support for weekends and half terms or a bespoke solution to fit your needs, we can help. Find out more online at www.gabbitas.com or speak to one of our experts on +44 (0) 207 734 0161.

Boarding School and College



The Premium Guardianship Service

- Gabbitas acting as the legal Guardian for your child
- Liaison with the school regarding academic progress with access to our academic advisors and tutors as required
- Dedicated guardian family for exeat weekends and half-terms as needed. Your family will be visited at their home, interviewed and vetted by Gabbitas, including a full security check through the UK Home Office. You will receive a visit report and two references
- Opportunity to visit the guardian family if you are visiting the UK or Skype chat if you are not but would like to talk to them directly
- 24/7 response service for support for your child, you or their school in the case of any urgent requirements
- Transport and travel arrangements as required
- A visit to the school each year to see how your child is settling in/progressing
- Attendance at one parent's evening on your behalf
- Annual budget plan for additional costs such as accommodation and out-of-pocket expenses, subject to an administration charge

The Guardianship Support Service

- Gabbitas acting as the legal guardian for your child either at school or college
- A more streamlined service than the Premium service
- Arranging accommodation and travel on request
- 24/7 professional response service for emergencies, including sourcing a host family to stay with in case of changes to travel or study plans
- A visit to the school/college over the year to monitor academic progress, discuss accommodation arrangements, check on general health and well-being with a report to you as the parents
- Can be booked on a termly basis for university students until they turn 18

Bespoke packages available upon consultation.

Day School Accommodation



Attending a day school as an international student is offered by some British schools who do not have boarding facilities. This gives your child the unique opportunity to have the same experience of British education, life and culture growing up in the UK as any other student at the school.

Working closely with the best day schools, Gabbitas has pioneered a service that arranges and supports students in accommodation with local Guardian families. Students are welcomed as part of the family and experience life as a day school student. They have their own room and live in the home with breakfast and dinner provided on school days, and all meals at the weekend. We also help in organising the Tier 4 visa application to attend the school which is countersigned by the Guardian family.

The Day School Service

- Attending a British day school as an international student requires a legal guardianship arrangement with Gabbitas whilst living with a local guardian family, to ensure the appropriate pastoral care is in place
- We provide a dedicated Guardian Family, interviewed and vetted by Gabbitas, including a full security check through the UK Home Office. You will receive a visit report plus two references
- Opportunity to visit the Guardian family if you are visiting the UK or Skype chat if you are not but would like to talk to them directly
- 24/7 UK response service for support for your child, you or their school in the case of any urgent requirements
- Organisation of travel to and from school using school or local public transport or by arrangement with the Guardian family as appropriate
- Full organisation of transport and travel arrangements during the longer holiday periods
- A visit to the school each year to see how your child is settling in/progressing
- Attendance at one parents' evening on the parent's behalf
- Annual budget plan for accommodation costs

Flexible Holiday Homestay Service

If your child is studying in the UK and is unable to return home during the school holidays we can arrange for a UK Guardian family or with another family if they would like to stay in another part of the UK, such as in London.

- This can be booked from one to four weeks over the half term or longer school holidays
- They will receive a warm welcome from their host on arrival and will have their own room, space for their personal possessions, and all meals included
- This is a perfect opportunity for students to experience different parts of the UK and immerse themselves into British culture

Contact Gabbitas

For more information please contact Gabbitas:

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