



ALPHA PLUS GUARDIANS LTD Student Code of Conduct Policy

Alpha Plus Guardian Services Ltd aims to provide a safe environment in which each guardianship student in its care can flourish and grow in all aspects of their life in a safe and secure environment. The relationship between student, parents, Alpha Plus Guardians and Host parents, will be fundamental to this and communication is encouraged to be frequent and open.

At Alpha Plus we ask that you follow this code of conduct, which in turn will make both yours and your host family's experience a happy one.

Our promise to you

At Alpha Plus Guardians we carefully select host families so that their homes should be a place where all students can feel part of the family, study, play and rest, where mutual respect is shown.

Behaviour

- At Alpha Plus, we encourage all to be resilient and to develop a growth mindset, to be confident but not arrogant, to respect and show consideration towards the immediate and wider community in which we live, and to take advantage of the opportunities offered to them.
- Students should develop responsibility for themselves and others, fostering their individuality whilst respecting the individuality of others.
- Students must not misuse or overuse alcohol. If a student is over the age of 16 they may be offered by their host family an alcoholic beverage (wine or beer) with dinner, the student can choose to accept or decline this. No student under the age of 18 is to buy or attempt to buy alcohol - **it is against the law**. You can be stopped, fined or arrested by the police. Further details regarding alcohol and young people can be found on the Government website: <https://www.gov.uk/alcohol-young-people-law>
- Students should not smoke. Smoking tobacco is very addictive and extremely detrimental to health. Smoking is prohibited at school and students found in the possession of cigarettes or

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- caught in the act of smoking risk strong sanctions which may include suspension from the school. Students under the age of 18 are prohibited from smoking at the home of their host family. Students over the age of 18 must ask permission from their host family if they wish to smoke outside in the garden. **It is against the law** for any student under the age of 18 to buy cigarettes
- Students must not, under any circumstances use illegal drugs or substances. **It is strictly prohibited and against the law.** Drugs are put into 3 categories according to how dangerous they are and the impact they have on society. Details of all illegal and banned substances and their category can be found on the UK Government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/penalties-drug-possession-dealing>

If a student is stopped by the police and found in possession of drugs, it is likely that they will be arrested. The drugs found will be seized and destroyed. If a student is under the age of 17 the police will notify their parents or guardian. The punishment the student will receive will depend on the category of the drug. Most schools have a zero tolerance to drugs and immediate expulsion can be the result of a student found under the influence of or in possession of drugs.

- Although there are no legal age restrictions on most body piercings students must not get tattoos or piercings without prior written permission from their parents. Students must check if there are any rules imposed by their school. Most schools allow stud earrings – one in each ear and no more. It is **against the law** for a student under the age of 18 to have tattoos done in the UK.
- Student must not dye their hair without prior permission from their parents and this must be in writing. If permission is granted, then it must be a colour that fits well with the students own natural colour and be suitable for attending school.
- Students must not partake in any sexual behaviour that is deemed unacceptable or illegal. The legal age for sexual consent in the UK is age 16 and over.
- Students must not never use foul, sexist, abusive, racist or any prejudicial language and do not tolerate it from anyone else.
- Show respect for ALL players regardless of age, colour, disability or gender.

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