

Admission to Sixth Form – non-UK citizens

In most cases, foreign national children *in the UK* have the right to attend schools in England. It is the responsibility of parents to check that their children have a right, under their visa entry conditions, to study at a school.

Children aged under 18 can enter the UK, as a dependant of a foreign national who has settled status in the UK, as a dependant of their parent(s) who are in the UK on a [work visa](#) or [Student visa](#), or who are part of a family entering or residing in the UK under the [immigration route for British National \(Overseas\) citizens and their dependants](#).

These dependent children are entitled to enter the country and can study at a state funded or independent school once in the UK. Dependent children of a person on the BN(O) route must make an application, under the BN(O) immigration route, at the same time as their parent(s). Dependent children who do not arrive in the UK at the same time as their parents, would need to [apply for a visa separately](#) as a dependent child.

Unaccompanied children may also enter the UK to access a school. To comply with their visa terms, unaccompanied foreign national children, and young people (including such EEA and Swiss nationals entering the UK after 31 December 2020) who are entering on a [Child Student visa](#) or [Student visa](#) must, when accessing education in England, study at the independent school, sixth form college or further education college which is a [licensed student sponsor](#) that has offered them an unconditional place on a course.

As a state-funded academy, Whalley Range Sixth Form is **not** a licensed student sponsor. Therefore, in order to qualify for admission to our Sixth Form, students must already have legal right of residence in the UK, **before** the start of their study programme.

Whalley Range Sixth Form reserves the right to request proof of right of abode, before admission, of **all** non-UK citizens.

A [Statement of Comparability](#) must be obtained for any non GCSE qualifications which have been sat outside of UK based schools. *This does not apply for International GCSEs.*

Further information about school admissions applications for overseas children can be found:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/schools-admissions-applications-from-overseaschildren>