

Under 18 Welfare, Care and Supervision in adult courses: Our Commitment to Student Welfare

At Oxford International UK schools, we are committed to ensuring that all students under the age of 18 are safe, supported, and well-informed throughout their stay.

We recognise that students aged 16 and 17 studying on adult programmes require a balance of independence and safeguarding, and we ensure that both students and parents/guardians clearly understand the level of care and supervision provided before enrolment.

Important: Level of Supervision

Students aged 16–17 may study on adult programmes. As such:

- Students are fully supervised during lessons and scheduled activities
- Outside of timetabled sessions, students are not under continuous supervision
- Students are expected to behave responsibly and follow school guidance at all times

This is clearly explained to parents/guardians before arrival and confirmed through our consent process

Supervision Outside the Classroom

Outside lesson time:

- There is no constant supervision during free time
- Staff are available at the school during opening hours for support
- Organised social activities are staff-led and risk assessed

Students are given guidance on staying safe, including travelling around Oxford and managing their free time responsibly in induction and student handbook.

Unsupervised Free Time

Students aged 16–17 may have periods of **unsupervised free time**, including:

- After lessons and before evening meals
- After evening meals (subject to curfew)
- Weekends

Parental/guardian consent is required for this, and expectations are clearly set in advance

Curfew

To support student safety:

- 16–17 year olds must return to their accommodation by **10:00pm**
- Earlier curfews can be requested by parents/guardians

Travel Between Accommodation and School

Students are expected to travel independently between their accommodation and the school.

- Students receive guidance on safe travel routes and public transport
- Host families support students on their first journey to school
- Students are provided with maps and instructions
- Parental consent is obtained for independent travel arrangements

Accommodation and Pastoral Care

Under 18 students are usually placed in approved homestay accommodation, where:

- Hosts are vetted in line with safeguarding standards
- Students receive a safe and supportive home environment
- Clear house rules apply, including curfew

The school provides:

- A dedicated welfare support system
- Staff available for academic and personal support
- Clear procedures for raising concerns

Activities and Excursions organized by school:

For individual students:

- Activities may be staff-led, but travel to and from activities may be unsupervised

For group students:

- Supervision is provided according to age:
- Under 12: fully supervised
- Ages 12–14: one hour unsupervised free time
- Ages 15–17: up to two hours' unsupervised free time in groups

All activities are risk assessed and age appropriate

Studying on Adult Programmes

Students aged 16–17 studying on adult courses:

- Will attend classes with students aged 18+
- May participate in mixed-age social programmes
- May be restricted from certain activities due to UK laws (e.g. alcohol-related events, this is well advertised on programme)

This is clearly communicated to parents/guardians before enrolment

Parental Consent and Communication

Before arrival, parents/guardians must provide written consent covering:

- Medical treatment (including emergency care)
- Travel arrangements
- Accommodation
- Participation in activities
- Unsupervised free time

Parents/guardians confirm they understand and accept these arrangements before the student travels

Safeguarding and Support

Oxford International operates in line with UK safeguarding legislation:

- All staff receive safeguarding training
- The school has a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)
- Students are informed how to seek help and report concerns

Personal data is handled in accordance with UK GDPR, and shared only where necessary to support student welfare