



# WEST BUCKLAND SCHOOL

## STUDENT VISA PROCESS

### UNDER 6 MONTHS

- If you plan to arrive in the UK from 1st January 2021 onwards, you **will not** need to apply for a Student Visa if you are studying less than six months.
- A confirmation letter will be supplied from the Headmaster for use when travelling.

### 6 MONTHS AND ABOVE

- If you plan to arrive in the UK from 1st January 2021 onwards, you **will** need to apply for a Student Visa if you are studying a course which is longer than six months in length.
- You will need to complete a Student Visa application and have it accepted **before** you arrive in the UK.
- You will need to have a current passport or other valid travel document with a minimum of 6 months to expiry.
- Most people will be able to complete their application, including identity verification, using a smartphone app. If you can't access the smartphone app or you don't have a biometric passport, you may need to go to a Visa Application Centre in your country.
- You will also need to pay a fee called an Immigration Health Surcharge. This gives you access to the UK's National Health Service. The cost of this is £470.
- You can apply for a Student Visa up to six months before your course starts.

### PROCESS

- 1) Up to 6 months prior to your enrolment date you will receive the necessary documentation to enable us to apply for the Confirmation of Academic Studies (CAS). This will need to be completed and returned.
- 2) The School will apply for the CAS which we will send directly to you and your agent (if applicable) to enable you to apply for your child's Student Visa using the following link: [Child Student visa - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/child-student-visa).
- 3) If you make a successful immigration application, you will be issued with one of the following documents: a vignette for full length of permission; or a 30-day vignette; or a biometric residence permit (BRP).

### ARRIVING IN THE UK

Please ensure you complete the Passenger Locator Form prior to arriving in the UK using the following link: [Fill in your passenger locator form - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/passenger-locator-form). You can submit the form any time in the 48 hours before arrival.

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