



Vulnerable Children Referrals Criteria

When assessing '**need for boarding**', the main criterion is a lack of available appropriate parental care. This situation can arise through:

- Chronic and enduring mental or physical ill health of parent
- Disability of a sibling of sufficient severity affecting the care and normal development of other children within the family
- Abandonment or abuse of child

To consider an application, the Foundation seeks to ensure that:

- The case for boarding is justified by the fact that the home circumstances are seriously prejudicial to the normal development of the child
- Boarding is in the best interest of the child. We determine this by reviewing references from professionals who know your child well. This allows us to determine suitability for boarding, as boarding is not right for every child. We require the pupils we support to display resilience, open-mindedness, the ability to socialise and to have the desire to attend boarding school. We take time and care when reviewing every application, we receive to ensure that the outcome is in the best interest of the child
- The parent/guardian has insufficient income and/or assets to pay themselves and there is a 100% bursary requirement
- The child must be a British Citizen, have indefinite leave to remain in the UK, or 'settled' or 'pre-settled' status under the EU Settlement Scheme. The child must also currently be a resident in the UK