



Caterham School - Child Student Visa

Caterham School is licensed to sponsor students under the Student and Child Student routes. In order to meet our duties as a sponsor we must comply with all aspects of the UK's immigration laws, and support immigration control, including by taking steps to ensure that every student at Caterham who is subject to immigration control has permission to study in the UK throughout the whole period of their study.

Students who are not British or Irish citizens or do not otherwise have permission to enter or remain in the UK (e.g. under the EU Settlement Scheme, the Hong Kong British National Overseas visa route, or as the dependent child of a Skilled Worker, Entrepreneur, Investor or Innovator visa holder) will need to apply for a Child Student visa before they commence their studies at Caterham School.

Caterham School are happy to sponsor boarding students. Unfortunately, we are not able to sponsor day or half weekly boarding students.

In order to apply for a Child Student visa, the student must:

- Have an [unconditional offer of a place from Caterham School](#).
- Be able to prove that the parent(s) will have [enough money available](#) to pay for the course fees and boarding fees for one academic year.
- Have the consent of the parent or guardian to study in the UK – the student will need to prove this when they apply.

Once an offer has been made and accepted Caterham School will make the necessary checks to ensure that the student satisfies the Child Student visa requirements. Our Admissions Department will then provide the parent(s) with a reference number, called a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) which is required in order to submit a visa application. The timing of the visa application depends on whether the family are applying from inside or outside the UK.

Applying from outside the UK - The earliest a student can apply for a visa is 6 months before the start of the course. A decision usually takes around 3 weeks.

Applying from inside the UK - The earliest a student can apply for a visa is 3 months before the start of the course. A student must apply before their current visa expires. The new course must begin within 28 days of the current visa expiring. A decision usually takes around 8 weeks.

After Students have applied

Students who are aged 16 or 17 may be asked to attend an interview with an Immigration Officer to establish whether they are a "genuine student". It is therefore important that students are comfortable being able to speak about the subjects they will be studying, where they will be staying, their plans after finishing their studies with us, and to know a little bit about Caterham School.



When can Students travel to the UK

Students must not travel to the UK before the start date given on their visa. The start date will be up to 1 month before the course starts.

A visa administration charge of £300 will be added to the first term bill for students who require a Child Student visa. This charge covers the administration and cost of issuing a CAS, receipt and storage of the Biometric Residence Permits (BRP).

[There are various documents that must be provided](#) in order to apply for a Child Student Visa.

Following a decision from the UK Visa and Immigration Service (UKVI)

If the application is successful, a student will either receive:

- a [biometric residence permit](#) - if biometric information was given at a visa application centre
- a [digital immigration status which can be viewed and proved online](#) - if the 'UK Immigration: ID Check' app was used.

For more information, please refer to the [UK Visa & Immigration department \(UKVI\)](#) website.