



Wychwood School
OXFORD

REFUGEE POLICY

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This policy deals with the limits within which Wychwood School, Oxford may offer education to refugees.

In order to offer education to any refugee child successfully, the following will be observed:

1. The child will attend Wychwood for between six months and one year, during which time their family will have time to settle better into the UK and find a permanent school place.
2. The child and their parent(a) in this country will be in possession of visas that allow the child to undertake education, Visitors' visas are insufficient
3. Wychwood School, Oxford will not offer boarding places to refugees. The trauma likely to have been experienced by the child may be such that the school cannot safeguard them sufficiently without parental support.
4. The child must have sufficiently high levels of English speaking and writing skills to enable them to attend mainstream classes and make progress. If we are unable to provide the necessary support for the child's needs so that they can make progress in the mainstream, this would transgress our educational objectives and would not be fair to the child. We would not therefore offer a place if our assessments indicate it would not be in the child's best interests.
5. We will identify a single point of contact for each refugee child on the staff so that they have continuity of care from one member of staff while they are at Wychwood School, Oxford.
6. Once the place is taken up, should we discover that a child is unable to take full advantage of a Wychwood education, we will ask that the place is relinquished. This would not be equivalent to an exclusion but an understanding that Wychwood staff and pupils are unable to offer a full education to the child in question.