

Under 18s

Although most students at the University are over the age of 18, we welcome younger applicants with the aptitude to thrive here and we treat all our students as independent, mature adults, regardless of age. However, under 18s living in England are considered by law to be children, which means we have additional responsibilities towards younger students.

To ensure we fulfil this duty of care, we have made special arrangements for younger students.

1 Under-18 Parental Consent form

Parents or guardians are required to complete the Under-18 parental consent form agreeing to the conditions listed below among others. This form can be found on [our undergraduate policies page](#).

The form must be completed and submitted before enrolment (and before CAS issuance where applicable).

2 Parental responsibility

Offers are made on the condition that parents or guardians accept that the University cannot assume parental responsibility for students under the age of 18.

3 Pastoral care

When you arrive at Bristol, you will be assigned a personal tutor, who will guide you through your years at the University. You will receive appropriate pastoral care, and a comprehensive range of specialist services will be available for anyone needing additional support.

4 Alcohol

We take reasonable steps to ensure that the law is observed on licensed premises on the University precinct, but ultimate responsibility lies with parents or guardians. Younger students therefore need to be aware that it is illegal for under 18s to buy or be sold alcohol.

5 Holding positions of responsibility

Students under 18 are not permitted to hold positions of responsibility, whether in external organisations or in University clubs or associations.

6 Trusted Contact

Parents who live overseas must nominate a UK-based guardian for any under-18 student attending the University in case of an emergency.

7 Accommodation

Students under 18 who firmly accept an offer from the University will be eligible for accommodation under the terms of the [accommodation guarantee](#). We will give particular consideration to which type of accommodation is most appropriate for under 18s.

8 Applicants who require a Student visa

Applicants aged under 18 years can be issued a CAS as long as they satisfy the above. However, we cannot issue a CAS to applicants aged 15 years or younger as such applicants would require a visa under the Child route - for which the University does not hold the necessary license.

9 Staff responsibilities

If a student under the age of 18 accepts an offer from the University, we will inform all the relevant departmental staff of their responsibilities under the University's Safeguarding policy and any associated guidance, <http://www.bristol.ac.uk/secretary/legal/safeguarding/>