

# Collegiate Guardians

## How do we select guardians for your child?

Guardian families are selected by us in several ways. This could be by:

- ◆ **Personal recommendation** from parents of other overseas children who have been happy with a guardian family in the past.
- ◆ **Advertising**, usually in a local newspaper reasonably close to your child's school.
- ◆ **Schools** often referring suitable guardians to us.

No matter how we locate suitable guardians, you can rest assured that we have one major objective - **the safety and happiness of *your* child.**

Before a family can be entrusted with the care of an overseas student, we ensure that they are going to be entirely suitable. To do this, they must answer a comprehensive list of questions to determine their suitability. This questionnaire covers *all* members of the family, including children, and takes into account both their domestic and social lives and background.

We then thoroughly check the family's background with

- 1) The Police
- 2) Local Social Services
- 3) Central Government Departments responsible for Health and Education.

Only when we are totally satisfied, having taken up references provided by the family, are they allowed to join our list of guardians and entrusted with the care of overseas children.

### **Continuous support**

Our responsibilities for your child's welfare do not end when we have appointed a guardian family and introduced you to them. We maintain regular contact with the family, your child and you, the parents, to ensure that *everybody* is happy with each other. We also remain in contact with your child's house staff at school to make sure that any problems he or she is experiencing can be made known to the guardians and yourselves.

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