

Bangor University welcomes applications from people of all ages. All applications are considered on their individual merits. Occasionally Bangor University admits students who are under the age of 18 years. These students and their families should understand that Bangor University is an adult environment and students are expected to assume an adult level of responsibility, and have the necessary skills to study and live independently alongside people from a wide variety of ages and backgrounds.

Places are offered on the understanding that students will be able to adapt to living away from home and deal with the practicalities that this involves. The University treats all its students as independent, mature individuals.

Students under the age of 18 will be subject to the University's standard rules and regulations and will be able to access the majority of its facilities and opportunities in the same way as to all other students, subject to the provisions of this Policy.

This Policy should be read in conjunction with the University's *Child Protection Policy*.

This Policy applies to all individuals who come into contact with Bangor University, including but not limited to Bangor University students, staff, visiting speakers, honorary positions and directors, as well as all Bangor e

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When applicants under the age of 18 apply to the BIC the applicant will be informed that a *Parental Authorisation Form* should be completed, along with a *Guardian Responsibility Form* for those applicants living outside the United Kingdom. BIC requires contact details of a guardian within the United Kingdom and preferably based within convenient reach of Bangor. BIC will require a copy of the guardian's agreement with the parents, in which the guardian asserts that they will act on the parents' behalf until the child's 18th birthday.

As the student will be a registered student with Bangor University it is a requirement of the Agreement between the University and OIEG that the OIEG provides Bangor University with all necessary information to ensure the students data is available and accurate.

In so far as this Policy relates to the Agreement with the OIEG, Bangor University's Policy will prevail.

Students under the age of 18 years, who do not wish to live at home or with an appointed guardian, should make an application for a place in a University hall of residence when invited to do so. Students under the age of 18 years are normally allocated to en suite single room accommodation with a Warden in the same block/ hall but this cannot be guaranteed. Parents/guardians should recognise that residential accommodation offered by the University is generally intended for the use of adults, and that, save in exceptional circumstances (e.g. relating to health or disability) special arrangements cannot be made.

The University cannot assume parental responsibility for a student under the age of 18. Students and their parents/guardians should bear in mind that Bangor University is an adult environment. Students are expected to behave like adults and to assume adult levels of responsibility. Students are expected to have the necessary skills to study and live independently alongside people from a wide variety of backgrounds. Places in halls are offered at Bangor University on the understanding that the student will be able to adapt to living away from home and to looking after him or herself in all practical matters.

The University will:-

1. Guarantee a room in University accommodation to students who make their application by the specified closing date. Those students who apply after the closing date will be offered University accommodation subject to availability.
2. Accommodate students where there is easy access to a member of Staff or to a 24 hour staffed reception facility.
3. Allocate students to single rooms with en suite facilities where possible.
4. Highlight students under the age of 18's details to the Halls Office management team.
5. Integrate students who are under 18 years of age with those who are over 18.

6. Ensure all relevant Staff, including wardens and security staff undergo Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) checks.
7. Provide relevant training for staff employed by the University who have regular access to student bedrooms.
8. Arrange a meeting within one month of the start of the academic year with any student under the age of 18. The meeting will be conducted by a Senior Warden to discuss the transition from home life to University accommodation and to check on general well-being. The University will not re-arrange the initial contact meeting if the student chooses not to attend. The University will not carry out any other checks, other than those mentioned above, on students under the age of 18 living in University managed accommodation, and will not monitor how the student spends their leisure time or manages their finances
9. Arrange follow-up meetings where those are required by the student, but not otherwise.
10. Promptly inform the person named as guarantor or guardian (as appropriate) if:
 - a. the student is in rent arrears ;
 - b. the student is in serious breach of the Residence Conditions;
 - c. staff

To be completed by the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the applicant:

I confirm that I have read and understood the *Policy and Procedures for Students under 18*
I understand and accept that Bangor University will not act *in loco parentis* for my son /
daughter / ward.

I confirm that I remain legally responsible for my son / daughter / ward until they reach their
18th birthday.

I understand and accept that Bangor University is an adult environment and that my
son/daughter / ward will generally be treated as an adult.

I consent to the activities that my son / daughter / ward will be undertaking (such as field
trips, excursions and other periods of study away from the University) if they are a necessary
part of the course.

I agree to accept liability for my son / daughter / ward's debts to Bangor University.

I understand and accept that while studying at Bangor University my son / daughter / ward
will be subject to the laws of England and Wales, and the Courts of England and Wales non-
exclusive jurisdiction and to the rules of the University.

I understand and accept that, under the requirements of the Data Protection Act 1998,
Bangor University cannot release information relating to my son / daughter /ward

In the event of an emergency involving your son / daughter / ward after they enrol at the University and before they reach the age of 18, please provide one or more emergency contact details below (one contact should be the parent or guardian):-

In the unlikely event that the University is unable to contact either of your designated emergency contacts please indicate below whether you are happy for the University to authorise medical treatment if required. Please be assured that this will only happen on medical advice and the University will continue to try and contact your designated contacts in the meantime.

I consent to a senior officer at Bangor University acting on medical advice in the best interests of my son / daughter / ward to authorise emergency medical treatment if required either before I can be contacted or in the event that it was not possible to contact me, my son / daughter / ward's appointed Guardian and / or my designated emergency contacts.



