



# Lancing College

Senior School & Sixth Form

## **Supporting International Families with their Travel Arrangements**

Lancing College has many years' experience of looking after students from around the world. We recognise the importance of safe and smooth journeys for your child from home to school, and that this can be a cause of some anxiety for parents, especially for younger students or those making the journey for the first time. We are here to help, at each point of the process.

We have huge experience in working with the UKVI to ensure that our pupils have the correct visas in place and that families know what is expected of them well in advance of travel. We send out travel letters to families in advance of each half term and full holiday, ensuring that we have a record of your child's travel information and advising you of any important issues.

Lancing has dedicated members of staff who co-ordinate and where required manage the entire process of transport between school and home/airport. They liaise closely with parents, guardians and Housemasters/Housemistress. Some families request significant support, for others this is lighter touch. Lancing is well located for both Gatwick (40 minutes/45km) and Heathrow airports (75minutes/108km). For students holding a Visa, the College is licenced by UKVI and is therefore required to know the whereabouts and destination of every pupil visa holder when they are not in school. For all our students travelling between school and home, whether internationally or more locally, we take our duty of care very seriously.

As an overseas parent you can expect:

- Communication at the start/end of each term, half term and exets to request the travel plans of your child and their final destination.
- Assistance with travel to airports. The College will arrange a coach to Heathrow and Gatwick for larger groups and a Lancing approved taxi for individual journeys. We will always seek to make this as cost-effective for parents as possible, e.g. booking a taxi for two or three pupils getting the same flight.
- To advise us if you are happy for your child to be unaccompanied from the airport drop off into the terminal.
- That we will provide your child with key contact numbers of College staff in the event of any concerns or delays and that they have a letter signed by the school indicating that they are a pupil here;
- That in the event that the school term/ half term concludes on an afternoon/ evening, boarders may stay overnight in school in order to get transport to the airport the following morning;
- That designated boarding Houses will open early to receive boarders returning from international flights on the day before term recommences.

