



The Westwood Organisation  
Clear and concise immigration advice



## IMMIGRATION GUIDANCE FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY CORONAVIRUS TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

The UK government has released [immigration guidance for everyone affected by Coronavirus travel restrictions](#). Please refer to this page for the latest advice, which should be updated as the situation changes.

UKVI have stated:

"The Home Office recognises the current situation is exceptional and will not take any compliance action against students or employees who are unable to attend their studies/work due to the coronavirus outbreak, or against sponsors which authorise absences and continue to sponsor students or employees despite absences for this reason.

The Home Office will keep this under review, especially if the length of absences mean a potential repeat of period of studies become necessary."

A coronavirus immigration helpline and email address is available for immigration enquiries related only to Coronavirus:

Telephone: 0800 678 1767, open Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm.

Email: [CIH@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:CIH@homeoffice.gov.uk)

One common question we are receiving from several of our education clients concerns safeguarding if students are prevented from attending school. This is not our area of expertise, but UKVI will continue to expect that suitable arrangements are made for international students – the school will continue to have a duty of care even if the pupil is not on the school site. One good source of information can be found here:

<https://www.safeguardingschools.co.uk/covid-19-coronavirus-advice-for-schools/>

In brief, the school should know where the student is; who the student is staying with; keep in regular contact (which could include monitoring use of online resources) and keep in regular contact with parents. We are sure you will be doing this already.

We will continue to support our clients in any way we can, so please stay in touch and stay well.

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