

## **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.

### **Parental declaration form**

Parents or guardians must complete a [parental declaration form](#).

### **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.

### **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.

### **Alcohol**

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

### **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.

### **Emergency contact**

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

### **Accommodation**

Students under 18 who accept an offer from the University as their firm choice are eligible for accommodation under the terms of the [accommodation guarantee](http://www.bristol.ac.uk/accommodation/undergraduate/guarantee/) (<http://www.bristol.ac.uk/accommodation/undergraduate/guarantee/>). We give particular consideration to which type of accommodation is most appropriate for under-18s.

### **Staff responsibilities**

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