

EU Settlement Scheme – Information for Parents

On 31 January 2020 the United Kingdom left the European Union and entered a transition period, due to end on 31 December 2020. During this transition period, the pre-exit rules will continue to apply - EU nationals will be able to enter and reside in the UK as they do presently, with the current visa system operating for non-EU nationals.

EU Settlement Scheme

In order to remain in the UK beyond the end of the implementation period EU citizens must have obtained specific, individual permission to remain in the UK. The EU Settlement Scheme allows EU citizens resident in the UK to apply for status granting them permission to remain in the country. The intention is to open the Scheme to all EU citizens, and those from Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Switzerland, by the date of the UK's departure from the EU.

Approved applications under the Settlement Scheme will receive one of two outcomes:

Settled status (indefinite leave to remain) – this will be granted to EU citizens who have lived in the UK for a continuous 5-year period ('continuous residence'). EU citizens with settled status can remain in the UK for as long as they wish and eventually apply for British citizenship.

Pre-settled status (leave to remain) – granted to EU citizens resident in the UK who do not have 5 years' continuous residence. This will allow individuals to remain in the UK for the time needed for them to attain settled status.

For boarding students, the Department for Education has confirmed that an EU pupil's boarding school can be classed as a home address when making applications under the scheme.

EU citizens resident in the UK by 31 December 2020 will have until 30 June 2021 to apply under the Settlement Scheme. We would recommend applying by 31 December 2020 if possible.

Further advice and details on how to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme can be found via the Gov.uk website:

<https://www.gov.uk/staying-uk-eu-citizen>

<https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>

After the implementation period (31 December 2020)

There will be a single immigration system, applying to EU and non-EU nationals. As such, pupils wanting to study in the UK after 31 December 2020 will need to have a relevant visa under the new immigration rules. Further details are expected to be released by the UK Government in the Autumn.

Please note this information sheet does not constitute legally binding advice and is based on Dean Close School's understanding and the ISC interpretation of the rules and conversations with Home Office officials.