



## **Brexit as we know it so far.**

### ADVICE FOR OVERSEAS PUPILS CURRENTLY STUDYING AT MILLFIELD

Millfield has been closely monitoring information released from the UK Government to establish how Brexit might affect current pupils who live overseas. This information provides a practical interpretation of the UK Government's current immigration proposals and is based upon the Independent Schools Council 'FAQs' which have been checked by the law firm VWV.

The information is accurate at time of writing (4 February 2019) and will be updated should there be a change in political circumstances or UK Government policy.

#### **1. Scenario One - If the UK leaves the EU with a deal on 29 March 2019.**

##### **30 March 2019 – 31 December 2020**

The UK Government intends to introduce a new immigration system that will fully be in place by January 2021. This means that free movement into the UK by European residents will end. There will be an implementation (or transition) period from 30 March 2019 to 31 December 2020 during which the pre-exit rules will continue to apply:

- Until 31 December 2020 current rules that oversee pupils from the EU studying at Millfield will continue to apply. There will be no change during this period. EU citizens will be able to enter the UK, reside and study at Millfield
- From 1 January 2021 a single immigration system will be introduced by the UK Government. EU pupils will be subject to the same arrangements as pupils from the rest of the world
- Pupils who are international, non-EEA citizens will be able to continue to study at Millfield on their Tier 4 visa

##### **From 1 January 2021**

In order to remain in the UK beyond the above implementation period, EU citizens must have obtained specific, individual permission to remain in the UK. Those EU citizens resident in the UK by 31 December 2020 will have until 30 June 2021 to apply for Settled Status or Pre-settled Status under the Settlement Scheme.

#### **Can EU pupils currently studying at Millfield, who go home this Easter (29 March 2019) come back into the country without a visa?**

Yes – EU pupils who go home for Easter should be able to return provided they were resident in the UK by 29 March 2019.

If there is a Brexit deal, the new immigration rules are planned to take effect from January 2021.

## **2. Scenario Two - If the UK leaves the EU without a deal on 29 March 2019.**

In the event of the UK leaving the EU without a deal, the UK Government has said they will seek to legislate to end freedom of movement from 30 March 2019 (or as soon as possible thereafter). However, for those EU pupils at Millfield by 29 March 2019, pre-exit immigration rules will continue to apply until 31 December 2020:

- EU pupils studying at Millfield before 29 March 2019 will be able to enter and reside in the UK as they do now
- The new immigration system would take effect from January 2021
- Until 31 December 2020 those EU citizens resident in the UK before 29 March 2019 will continue to be able to rely on their passport, or national identity card if they are asked to evidence their right to reside in the UK, as they do currently

**Whichever scenario occurs on 29 March 2019, we will issue all EU pupils travelling internationally with a Millfield document detailing that they are enrolled at the school, when their course ends and who to contact at the school with any questions.**

As we receive further advice from the UK Government, we will continue to update current and prospective parents on how to proceed ready for the implementation of the single immigration system from 1 January 2021.

**In the meantime, if you have any further questions, please contact your Housemaster or Housemistress.**