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Student Immigration Team  
Student Admissions and Administration

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If you are applying for a dependant visa for your child you must include the following additional documents with their visa application:

- 1 **A letter of consent** from you (the parent(s) or legal guardian(s)) confirming that you give your consent to their dependant application
- 2 **Evidence of the relationship** between you (the parent(s) or legal guardian(s)) and your child

**You must provide both documents. They must meet the specific requirements below.**

**You also need to provide financial documents for your child – see our [financial guide](#) for more information.**

### 1 Letter of consent (see template letter below)

Both parents who have legal responsibility for the child must sign the consent letter. If you have sole custody of your child then the letter can just be signed by you and the sample letter must be modified to reflect this.

The consent letter should state the relationship between you and your child and it should state that you give consent to your child to make an immigration application as a dependant.

The letter should also state that you agree to the living and care arrangements that you have made for the child and give details. For example, if you wish your child to attend a nursery or school in the UK this should be stated in the letter. If you don't know where you will be living yet you can state that you will apply for a nursery or school place when you arrive in Manchester. If you will be living in Manchester and your child is aged 4 or above you need to contact [Manchester City Council](#) for information about how to apply for a school place.

If your child is too young to attend school and your spouse/partner will be caring for them full-time this should be stated in the letter as evidence of their care arrangements.

The consent letter should also state that you intend to live with your child for the duration of your studies. You should also state that you will provide full financial support for your child or that your child is covered by your scholarship if you are sponsored by your Government.

You must also include a legal document which confirms the relationship between you and your child.

The legal documents you can use are:

- your child's birth certificate showing the name(s) of the parent(s) who has provided the bank statements (if your child was born in China, UKVI will accept, instead of a birth certificate, a document called a Household Register) **or**,
- a certificate of adoption showing your child's name and the name(s) of the parent(s) who have provided the bank statements **or**,
- a court document stating the name of your child and the legal guardian(s) who is/are holding the funds.

**There are no other exceptions and you cannot use any other type of legal document to confirm the relationship.**

## Template

## Sample consent letter from parent(s) or legal guardian(s)

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

*I, (name), and I, (name), confirm that:*

- *we are the (parents / adopted parents / legal guardians) of (your child's name) ;*
- *we give our consent to (your child's name) to apply for (his / her) dependant visa;*
- *we agree with the living and care arrangements that have been made for (your child's name) in Manchester (give details of the care arrangements here);*
- *we agree to provide full financial support for (your child's name)*

*We confirm that we share legal custody for (your child's name).*

*Please contact us if any additional information is required.*

*Yours faithfully*

*(Signature)*

*(Signature)*

*(Date)*

*(Date)*

*(name)*

*(name)*

*(address)*

*(address)*

*(telephone)*

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