

# Education - Scotland

## Education

Asylum Seeking and Refugee children and those subject to immigration control are entitled to access education when they arrive in Scotland. They are automatically entitled to the same provision as a Scottish child. The Local Authority will determine how to assess the support required for children who need language support and are 16 and over. There will be options for support open to the family you welcome, and you should feel able to support them to make the right decisions for themselves.

## English as an Additional Language

For children where English is not their first language, there is support available and this will vary across Local Authorities. For more information look at Scottish Refugee Council's factsheet on Education, which discusses additional support.

## 16+ Education

Refugee children sometimes face barriers to secondary education, where they need support because of their English language levels. Legislation is clear, local authorities must support children who have English as an additional language; however, different local authorities will meet this obligation differently. Sometimes a local authority will provide support through secondary schools, or through colleges and ESOL courses. This will have to be agreed between families and the local authority (Please see English as an Additional Language above).

## Further Education and Higher Education

People with refugee status, Humanitarian Protection, or Discretionary Leave to remain in the UK can access further and/or higher education on the same basis as Scottish residents. For more information look at Scottish Refugee Council's factsheet on Education. All refugees who arrive through Community Sponsorship have full refugee status.