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Dear Sir / Madam,

University of Bath's Commitment to the Stand Alone Pledge for Estranged Students

The University of Bath is proud to be a signatory to the Stand Alone Pledge. Our University is committed to ensuring all of our students are able to access and succeed in their ambitions, regardless of their individual circumstances.

We understand that estranged students often experience additional challenges with their finances, accommodation and mental health in comparison to their peers. Therefore from 2016/17 onward the University of Bath committed to providing new UK undergraduate estranged students the same support package as eligible UK undergraduate Care Leavers.

In the 2017/18 academic year this includes:

- A bursary of £1,000 per academic year
- A start-up bursary of £1,000
- A £1,000 bursary on graduation to help with the costs of moving on from University
- Eligibility for the University's Bath Bursary or Gold Scholarship
- Access to live in University student accommodation for 365 days a year for the duration of their course
- A single named contact within the Student Services team to discuss their circumstances and transition, and provide advice and guidance throughout their time at University
- Signposting to external organisations and internal teams for specialist advice and guidance

• A dedicated webpage for care leavers and estranged students

We currently have a dedicated member of staff in Student Services who will oversee the University's commitment to the Stand Alone Pledge and review our support for estranged students on a regular basis. This will include listening to the experiences of our students to identify ways we can further develop our support package.

We look forward to working with Stand Alone and to continuing to develop our support for our estranged students in the future.

Student Services can be contacted at <u>studentservices@bath.ac.uk</u>, or +44 (0) 1225 383838.

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Yours sincerely,

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