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To Whom it may Concern

STAND ALONE PLEDGE

Borders College pledge to support students who are estranged from their families and who are studying at our College without the support of a family network. At Borders College we want all students to succeed, we want to inspire growth, create opportunity, raise aspirations and enhances their lives.

The College is an institution free from bias, providing equality of access and opportunity to succeed for all its students. Wherever there is disadvantage creating barriers to learning the College will make adjustments and provide services to ensure that equality of access and opportunity is preserved.

We understand and acknowledge that estranged students have similar challenges/barriers to learning as our students who are care experienced/student carers and commit to extending our dedicated current support services to estranged students.

Borders College pledges to support our estranged students by:

- Providing a named contact to provide information, advice and guidance
- Providing training to appropriate Staff to ensure that they have the knowledge to provide support and guidance for estranged students
- Collaborating across internal teams: Student Services – Wellbeing and Pastoral, Students Association, Achievement Coaches, Student Funding, Learning Support to promote the support available for estranged students
- Ensuring we signpost to internal and external support organisations that are relevant and deliver at the point of need

Our support for the Stand Alone Pledge is our commitment to the raising awareness within the College and our local Community for estranged students.



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Our dedicated contact for estranged students is Jen MacKenzie, Student Services Team Lead – jmack@borderscollege.ac.uk

Borders College would be proud to be associated with Stand Alone and look forward to ensuring our estranged students have a holistic and positive experience as students of a supportive learning environment.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "H. Anderson".

Heather Anderson
Vice Principal – Curriculum and Student Services