



Dear Stand Alone,

The University of Exeter aspires to be an institution that is inviting to all prospective students, irrespective of background, and is committed to supporting students to succeed at the University. We recognise the barriers that estranged students may face accessing, and remaining in, higher education. The University acknowledges the additional need for financial and pastoral support and first made our pledge to Stand Alone in 2017 and renewed our pledge in 2022.

We will continue to support and advocate for students who are estranged from their parents and will continue the legacy of Stand Alone.

Aims for the next two years (2024-2026)

1. Pilot a rent guarantor scheme.
2. Continue to develop support for students on our Cornwall campuses who are part of our Exeter Cares community including students who are estranged.
3. Develop our peer-to-peer mentoring scheme. We understand that the best and most reassuring advice often comes from fellow students who have been in the same position and share similar backgrounds and experiences.
4. Work with a Global Advancement team to develop a bespoke graduation package.
5. Foster links with local charities and organisations to promote the support available for prospective students.
6. Build on our improved student data information for this group and conduct analysis of the retention rates, awarding gaps and Graduate Outcomes data of estranged students to identify trends and any issues which require a policy response.
7. To build in evaluation of our support schemes in order to review and further enhance them.
8. To ensure that progress on the delivery of this Legacy Pledge is maintained through updates to our Success for All Strategy group, via our Under-represented Student Working Group.

With best wishes,

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