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Dear Susan,

### **University of Southampton Stand Alone Legacy Pledge**

In August 2018 the University of Southampton signed the Stand Alone Pledge to publicly declare its support for estranged students by demonstrating that they are not on their own, and the university is committed to supporting them to access and succeed in their chosen course, and get the most out of their university experience.

In 2018 the university was nominated for its first Stand Alone Pledge Award for our Postgraduate Bursary offer which provides estranged postgraduates with additional financial support in their first year of study, and is something we are proud to continue to offer to this date. In 2021 the University of Southampton won a Stand Alone Pledge Award for our pre-entry, financial, and overall support provided to estranged students which highlights our lifecycle approach to Access and Widening Participation at Southampton.

Stand Alone have been instrumental in championing and advocating for estranged students and leave behind an impressive legacy. The University of Southampton will honour its pledge commitment in furtherance of the Stand Alone Legacy Pledge and will continue to provide estranged students with access to 365 day accommodation in university halls, additional support with their finances through bursaries and grants, support with their mental health and well-being, and opportunities to work with us and co-create resources to ensure the voices of estranged students remain embedded in all our activity.

We would like to thank Stand Alone for all they have achieved and know any future collaborations with institutions, or third sector organisations would not have been possible without their efforts.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Winstanley', with a large, sweeping flourish extending from the bottom right.

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