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To whom it may concern

## **The Stand Alone Legacy Pledge**

Following the announcement of the closure of Stand Alone, The University of Sheffield will continue our support for estranged students and therefore commit to the Stand Alone Legacy Pledge. We are passionate about inspiring people to achieve their potential. We have a long history of supporting those from disadvantaged backgrounds to achieve success in applying to university and throughout their studies with us. We continue to work in partnership across the Sheffield City Region, with fellow universities, colleges, and local authorities to improve access and support estranged students.

Across the key areas of finance, accommodation, mental health and access we pledge to continue to develop and enhance the specific support as previously set out in our Stand Alone Pledge and communicated in our Care Experienced and Estranged Student Hub:

https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/access-sheffield/support-care-experienced-and-estranged-students

Finance	Accommodation	Mental Health	Access
Designated staff provide information, advice and support. Including liaison with Student Finance funding bodies and information about additional funding from the University. Enhanced University of Sheffield bursaries and scholarships for undergraduate students who are estranged.	Designated staff provide bespoke support and help to secure 365 day accommodation. 24/7 support by the Residence Life Team for estranged students living in university accommodation.	Named contacts within the Student Support Services Department, provide joined up, holistic support on an individual basis. Services also include The University Health Service, the University Counselling and Therapeutic Services, Wellbeing Service, The Disability and Dyslexia Support Service.	Estranged students, who are an identified group in our Access+ offer, are supported by the Access Service and Admissions from preapplication to starting university. Widening Access and Partnership programmes support early engagement with students who are or may become estranged. Estranged students not only receive additional

	consideration and a contextual offer, they also have access to a wider range of support, including a designated point of contact, one-to-one mentoring at the point of transition to uni, an IT & Equipment bursary and an introduction to the Student Experience Diversity & Inclusion team.
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Yours faithfully

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