



## **Young Travellers – Students aged 16 and 17 attending adult courses**

Unless booking a junior programme, students traveling to the UK will be attending adult courses alongside older students. Younger students are expected to have the maturity to travel independently and behave appropriately whilst on our courses. However, our schools have robust safeguarding and welfare provision in place to ensure all students, in particular those aged under 18, are protected from harm.

### **Travel from the Arrival Port**

We strongly recommend the EF transfer service to younger students. If alternative travel arrangements are made, these must be confirmed to the EF office in advance of travel and on arrival the immigration services in the UK may be request to see parental consent to travel and ask for information about EF's transfer service.

### **Accommodation Meal Plans**

Your meal plan is dependent on your chosen accommodation. Homestay accommodation includes breakfast and dinner Monday to Friday with lunch also provided at the weekend. Residence meal plans will vary depending on the residence and the time of year. Please ask your sales office to confirm the meal plan at your chosen residence. All UK schools have a cafeteria service where students can select and pay for food and drink.

### **Shared Accommodation**

All homestay accommodation is segregated by age and gender. Residences will have separate areas for under 18s in bedrooms allocated by gender. In some residences these may be on mixed gender floors. However where bedrooms do not have ensuite bathrooms, bathroom facilities are always segregated by gender.

### **Non-EF Accommodation**

EF does not expect 16/17 year olds to live in their own accommodation during their course. However should they wish to, parental consent is required and EF staff will check the accommodation and named supervising adult are appropriate.

### **Supervision**

Direct supervision is not provided outside of lessons. A calendar of optional events is available in school, some of which may incur an extra charge. All EF activities and excursions are risk assessed with safeguarding requirements taken into account and supervised at a ratio of one staff member to 20 students.

### **Independent travel outside the course town**

We strongly recommend traveling on EF-organised day and weekend excursions. Any independent travel including an overnight stay will require a signed parental consent with details shared of itinerary, accommodation arrangements and appropriate supervising

adult. This information will be verified by EF staff and EF reserves the right to refuse permission for the trip if arrangements are not considered adequate for the wellbeing of the student.

### **Attendance**

EF has a strict attendance policy for all students and under 18s are required to attend school every day. If a student is absent, staff will contact them to check on their wellbeing. In case of sickness the school should be informed immediately if the student cannot attend.

### **UK Laws**

Under 18s are not permitted to buy cigarettes, alcohol or enter night clubs. Safety, security and welfare are our top priorities. So please ensure all guidelines are followed. Students who do not observe the law will be excluded from the programme.

### **Other Safeguarding Arrangements Include:**

- All staff and homestay hosts are fully vetted in accordance with UK law.
- All schools have a clearly indicated safeguarding team with a named Designated Safeguarding Lead who students can speak to if they have problems.
- All staff undergo safeguarding training.
- Young students receive specific induction information on arrival in school to advise them of special arrangements and requirements.
- Older students are made aware of the presence of younger students in the school community and their responsibilities.
- Under 18s are accompanied to all medical appointments by a member of staff or their EF host.
- EF leisure programmes include age-appropriate activities.
- EF sales staff remain in regular contact with parents/guardians and discuss any issues or concerns.

*For a full overview of procedures in place for the safety and protection of younger students, please see the EF Safeguarding Policy.*