

# First day at school

- Induction starts at 08:30 am.
- This includes a placement test, speaking test, induction presentations about the school and academic programmes and the distribution of class timetables.
- A tour of the school.
- Classes begin at 10:45 am.
- On your first day, you are expected to bring your passport and visas.
- You will receive a welcome bag with complimentary goodies and a SIM card if you need one.



## Your weekly class timetable

	Hours pw	What	Lesson times
<b>Classic Morning</b>	15	General English or Business English	09:00 - 12:15
<b>Semi-intensive Morning</b>	22	Classic Morning + Elective + Speaking Skills (Tues/Wed)	9:00 - 13:30 09:00 - 14:45 (Tues & Weds)



## Courses

- **Classic**  
15 hours per week
- **Semi-intensive Morning**  
22 hours per week
- **One-to-One**  
Up to 20 Lessons
- **Internship Programme**



# When you arrive in Manchester



Arriving at the airport in a foreign country can be overwhelming. To better prepare yourself, make sure that you have read the information below about your arrival and how to get to your accommodation. If you get lost or confused upon arrival, don't be afraid to ask the airport staff for help as they will be happy to give assistance.



## EP transfers

You should arrive at Manchester Airport. We request that you book your flights according to the starting date of your specific programme. You must arrive on the Saturday or Sunday prior to your course start date. If you have booked a transfer service, a driver will meet you outside the customs area and drive you to your homestay or residence. Please ensure you arrange and pay the transfer fee in advance.



## Transfer service emergency contact details

If you have any flight changes, miss a connecting flight or need help meeting the transfer service, you should call one of the following emergency numbers. Please be prepared to tell them your name, school name (English Path) and location. You should only accept a transfer from a greeter with the official English Path signage.



## Transfer service emergency number:

**+ 44 749 400 2815**



## Independent transfers

- Train to Manchester Piccadilly Cost: \$3.50, Journey time: 10 minutes
- Anybus day tickets Cost: £5
- Metrolink anytime 1-day travelcard all zones Cost: £7.10

### TAXI SERVICE

Cost: £20-40 , Journey time: 30 minutes - 1 hour depending on location of homestay/residence.



## Living costs

(sample prices for items in this city)

- Bottle of water: £1.50
- Coffee: £3
- Can of coke: £1
- Meal out for two: £50
- Takeaway pizza: £15
- Sandwich: £2 - £5
- Local bus ticket: £2
- Local tram ticket: £3
- Bike rental: £6 per hour
- Cinema ticket: £10



## Local customs

- Women in the UK are equal to men and should always be treated fairly.
- In Manchester it is not uncommon for strangers to start conversations with you, this is a great way to meet new people and practice English, but you should not give out your address and telephone number, or accept inappropriate invitations.
- “Please” and “thank you” are very important words! Always use them if you ask someone to do something for you, or if they help you or give you information.
- The UK is a culturally diverse nation where people of all ethnic backgrounds are treated equally.
- Queueing is very important in the UK and if you are waiting at a shop or for a service you should always join the back of the queue if there are other people waiting.



## Health and safety

- **Medical insurance:** If you are studying in the UK for less than 6 months, you should take out private health insurance before coming to the UK.  
If you need to see a doctor, you may go to one of the walk-in centres. To find the walk-in centres nearby you visit: [clch.nhs.uk/services/walk-in-centres](http://clch.nhs.uk/services/walk-in-centres).
- **If you get sick:** If you get sick while in the UK you should visit a doctor. To do this you will need to register as a temporary patient, which we recommend you do at the start of your stay. You can ask the Student Services team or your host family where the nearest doctor is. If you have a minor illness you can ask staff at a local pharmacist for advice. Remember to bring any relevant insurance or medical documentation with you.
- **Protecting your belongings:** We strongly recommend you take out insurance for your personal belongings, especially cameras, music players, mobile phones and laptops. Personal items cannot be covered by English Path homestay or residence insurance.

- **Prescription medication:** Remember to bring enough of your prescribed medication with you as UK pharmacists will not dispense a foreign prescription. International customs agents may ask you questions about your medication upon your departure or arrival, so be sure to pack it carefully. Bring any important medical records (blood type, prescriptions, x-rays) that might be useful for medical care abroad as well as contact information for your health care providers at home.
- **Staying safe at school:** If you or another student has an accident or needs urgent medical attention, please come to student services office where the First Aider is located.
- **Fire safety:** Fire safety: If you discover a fire, press the fire alarm button on the nearest alarm. Leave the building immediately via the fire exit. Make sure you tell a member of EP staff exactly what happened so they can call 999. If you hear the fire alarm, leave the building immediately. Do not run, do not use the lift and do not stop to collect your belongings. EP staff will guide you to the fire exit. Go to the assembly point. Follow any instructions given by a member of EP staff and do not go back into the building until you are told to do so by EP staff.
- **Personal safety and looking after valuables:** Manchester is generally a safe place but as with a lot of big cities, you should always be alert. Some tips are: Be alert when you are walking alone at night. Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Do not leave your belongings unattended. Be aware of pickpockets in crowded city areas. Do not stop and talk to people trying to sell things on the street.



## Emergency services

- Call 999 in case of fire, a medical emergency or if you need the police.
- Call 101 if you need the Police and it is not an emergency.
- Call 111 if you need medical and it isn't an emergency.



## Medical costs

- Healthcare in the UK is free and you only have to pay for medicine. Private healthcare and insurance is available if you do not want to use the NHS. We recommend that you check your cover on the NHS website or at <https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/>



## Laws

- No one under the age of 18 in the UK may buy or consume tobacco or alcohol, including beer and wine. If you are under 18, it's against the law for someone to sell you alcohol, to buy or try to buy alcohol, and for an adult to try to buy alcohol for you.
- For drivers, you must drive on the left hand side, observe all speed limits and signs, give way to emergency vehicles, obey all directions given by police, stop at red traffic lights, and must wear a seatbelt.
- Driving under the influence of alcohol is a very serious crime and police make regular random checks.
- You will need international ID to enter bars, clubs or pubs (e.g. Passport, ID card, driving license).
- Buying, selling and using drugs is illegal.



## Student code of conduct

- You must attend all classes. If you do not attend your classes your representative will be informed.  
If you do not then improve your attendance you may not be able to continue your course. 85% attendance is needed to be able to receive a certificate of completion.
- Be on time for all your lessons.
- Always tell English Path if you are going to be absent from school for any reason and tell your host if you are going away overnight.
- If you commit a criminal offence or have to be severely disciplined you will be sent home. We will also inform the immigration authorities.
- Be respectful, polite and open to different cultures.



## Open bank account

- Main banks in the UK are HSBC, Barclays, Natwest, Nationwide and Santander. To open a bank account, the following documents may be needed:
  - Passport or EU ID
  - A valid visa
  - A school letter
- You can get the school letter from Student Services to take to the bank. For online banks, you may open your account online without the letter from us.



## Places of worship

### Baptist

Coverdale Baptist Church  
Coverdale Cres,  
Manchester M12 4FG

### Buddhist

Manchester Buddhist  
Centre 16-20 Turner St,  
Manchester M4 1DZ

### Church of England

Holy Name Church  
339 Oxford Rd,  
Manchester M13 9PG

### Hindu

Gita Bhavan Hindu Temple  
231 Withington Rd,  
Manchester M16 8LU

### Jewish

Manchester Reform  
Synagogue Jackson's Row,  
Manchester M2 5NH

### Methodist

Central Buildings, Oldham  
St, Manchester M1 1JQ.

### Muslim

Manchester Central  
Mosque 20 Upper Park Rd,  
Manchester M14 5RU

### Roman Catholic

St Joseph's Roman  
The Catholic Church  
Presbytery, Portland Cres  
Manchester M13 0BU