



Young  
Learners

2026

Dublin

# Student Handbook



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We're so excited to have you with us. Whether you're here for a short stay or a longer journey, you're now part of a vibrant, supportive community across amazing cities like London, Dubai, and Malta. Our team is here to help you learn, grow, and make unforgettable memories. If you need anything, just reach out, we're always happy to help.

**Enjoy the journey, and welcome to the EP family!**

## VISION, PURPOSE, MISSION AND VALUES

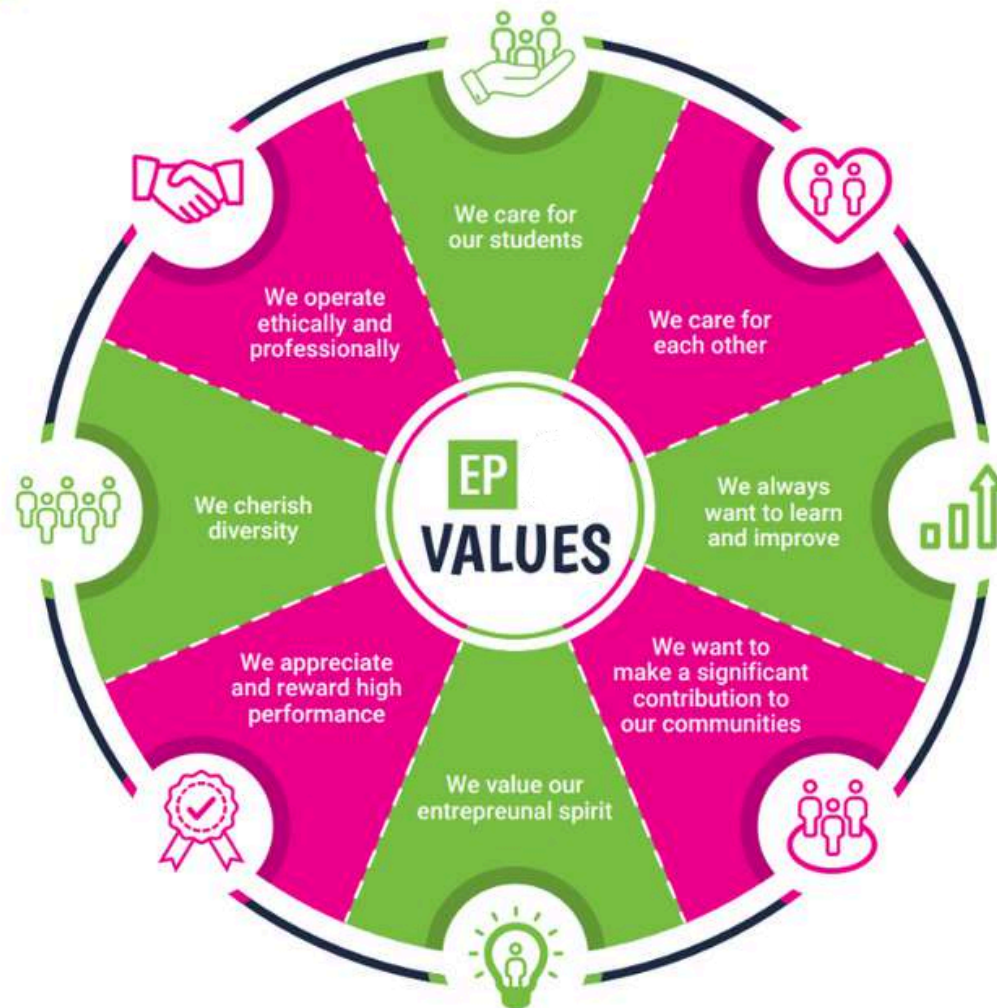
### What can you expect from the school?

**Vision:** To create the world's most accessible and innovative language school that changes lives through education that makes a fundamental difference to living standards.

**Purpose:** To establish and maintain a singular cross-cultural communication tool in a divided world, bringing people together through a common language. People who can communicate without barriers are more likely to work together for the common good. That is the reason for EP's existence. We believe that everyone has the right to education and language is often the first step.

**Mission:** A world in which every person can communicate using a common language removing inequality and creating a level playing field. Courses that stimulate and challenge. Students that learn, excel and grow.

### Values:



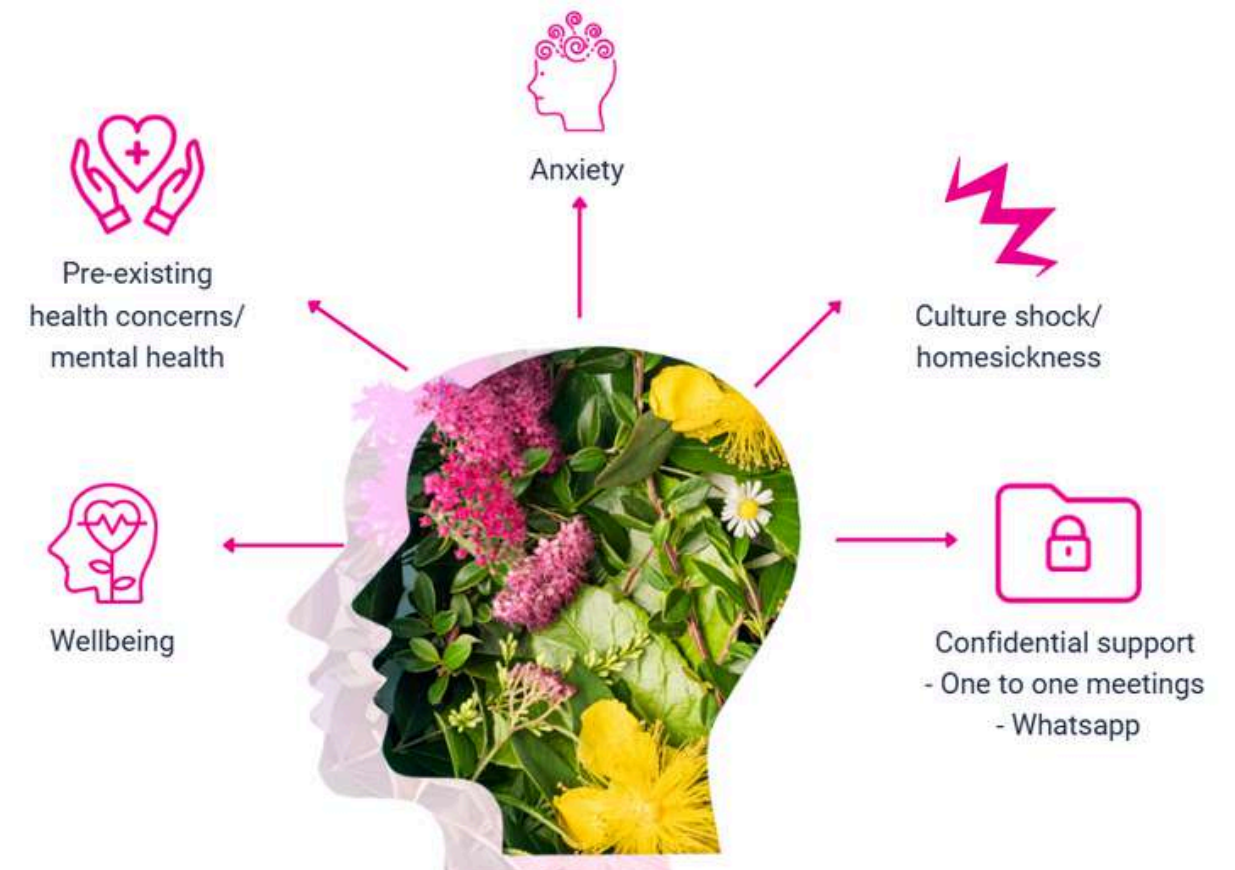
## MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

### How can we help?

If you are experiencing mental health difficulties, there are several options for support. You can speak to the YL Coordinator or a member of the EP Staff, we will help you or can recommend an appropriate (professional assistance) service for you.

- Pre-existing health Concerns/ Mental health
- Wellbeing
- Anxiety
- Culture shock/ Homesickness
- Confidential Support in a private room for one to one or via WhatsApp

EP holds your health and wellbeing at heart so should you need help, remember that EP staff is here to support you.



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# About Dublin

Dublin is a fantastic option for those looking to improve their English while immersing themselves in vibrant Irish culture and stunning landscapes. This charming city, nestled between mountains and the sea, offers a serene and scenic escape. Exploring Dublin on foot allows you to soak in its youthful and lively vibe. Don't miss out on iconic sites like Trinity College and St. Patrick's Cathedral, as they are essential to the experience. With English Path, you can easily enhance your language skills in one of the best cities for learning.



## Famous landmarks

Trinity College, St Patrick's Cathedral, Ha'penny Bridge, Dublin Castle, Temple Bar, Phoenix Park, Howth Peninsula.

## City personality

Cultural, creative, friendly, vibrant, youthful, bike-friendly, academic, green

## What makes this city unique?

Dublin is incredibly picturesque. It's a medieval city that has some fascinating living history along its streets – ancient buildings, historical sites, street art, memorials and a different story at every turn. Dublin was voted as Best Weekend Destination in the World in 2023.

## Transport within a 15-minute walk

Train, bus.

## Cuisines within a 15-minute walk

Indian, Italian, Irish, European, Greek, Seafood, Japanese, Mexican, Thai, Vegetarian.

## Alternative things to do

Go hiking in the Wicklow mountains, explore Dublin's art galleries and go horse riding.

# 5 Reasons to choose this city

- 1 Ireland's capital city and the cultural, educational and industrial centre of the island.
- 2 Dublin is one of the greenest cities on the planet.
- 3 The nearby mountains and sea offer a peaceful getaway from bustling city life.
- 4 Excellent amenities, a thriving social scene, and a cosmopolitan atmosphere.
- 5 Prestigious universities nearby and safe environment.



 **Staff**

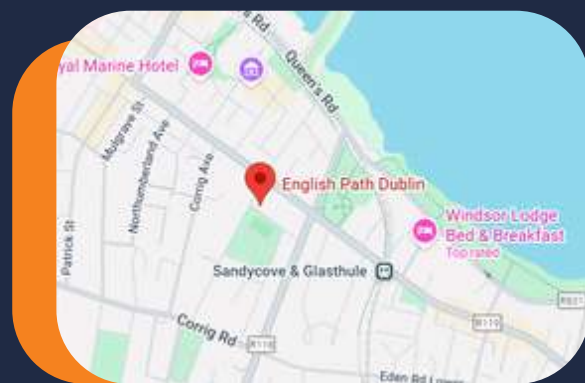


**Meet the team**

# Why choose to study in our EP Dublin School?

- Located in a beautiful seaside town near Dublin city centre.
- Great mix of nationalities in the school.
- Minutes from train station and bus stops.
- Great Social Programme with activities and excursions in and around Dublin.\*
- Experienced customer service & academic team.

\* Option of additional weekend excursions



**Find us on Google maps**








**EP Dublin: 1 Clarinda Park N, Dún Laoghaire, Dublin, A96 E8NV, Ireland**

At this address since: 2023

**Emergency: +353 85 130 4200**

## Close to your EP school

Our centrally located school is walking distance to:

	<b>Cafes with restaurants</b>	1-5 minutes
	<b>Supermarket</b>	3 minutes
	<b>Post office</b>	2 minutes
	<b>Bank/ATM</b>	2 minutes
	<b>Gym</b>	5 minutes
	<b>Train station</b>	5 minutes
	<b>Harbour front</b>	5 minutes
	<b>Park</b>	1 minutes

## Services & facilities

English Path and GBS Higher Education College, are part of Global Education Group. Together, our students share fantastic and modern university style facilities. At EP Dulin we have the following facilities:

**Buildings:** 2  
**Floors:** 5  
**Total number of classrooms:** 12

**School facilities:** Student lounge, student kitchen, self-study area, Wi-Fi (free), vending machines, street parking, modern & spacious classrooms with smart TVs, heating.

**Other services provided:** Social activity programme, airport transfer, medical insurance.

**Levels of English offered:** All levels.

**Reception:** The friendly school staff can direct you to the EP offices and classrooms. Your Programme Coordinator, Director of Studies and Student Services Staff will always be present to answer any questions you may have.





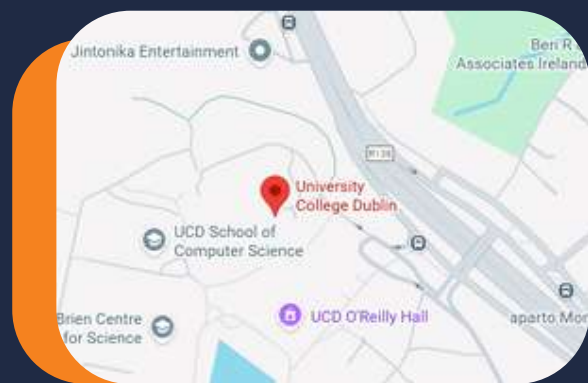
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Meet the team

# Why choose our EP Dublin Summer School?

- Located at University College Dublin, the biggest university campus in Ireland!
- Stay in university level accommodation and study in lecture halls!
- Action-packed programme with evening activities and weekend trips included.
- Highly qualified teachers of English
- Young Learner team on site 24/7 to guide and support students.



Find us on Google maps

 **UCD: University College, Belfield, Dublin 4, Ireland**

At this address since: 2025

 **Emergency: +353 89 202 9698**

## Close to your EP summer school

On Campus facilities include:

	<b>Cafes with restaurants</b>	1-5 minutes
	<b>Supermarket</b>	1 minute
	<b>Classes</b>	2 minutes
	<b>Games Rooms</b>	2 minutes
	<b>Football Pitch</b>	5 minutes
	<b>Bus Stop</b>	3 minutes
	<b>Canteen</b>	5 minutes
	<b>City Centre</b>	20 minutes

## Services & facilities

At the EP Dublin summer centre we have the following facilities:

**On Site Accommodation**  
**Restaurant** for all meals  
**School** with classrooms and lecture halls

**School facilities:** Cafe's, grocery shop, bookstore, 24/7 reception and security, football pitch, basketball court, shared accommodation with social room and kitchen, games room, launderette, Wi-Fi (free), vending machines, modern & spacious classrooms and lecture halls with smart TVs.

**Other services provided:** Leisure programme, airport transfer, medical insurance.

**Levels of English offered:** All levels.

**Reception:** The Programme Coordinator and YL Director of Studies will be on site to support and assist you, along with our fun and friendly team of Activity Leaders, who supervise all of the activities!



# Your EP Dublin Welfare & Safeguarding Team

Do you have a question?

About your class?



**Daniel Berejnoi**  
Director of Studies

About personal, medical and your accommodation?



**Dominika Comas**  
Head of Ireland

To speak to a member of staff please call:

 **+353 83 335 2042**

**Call us 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.**

## SAFETY, WELFARE AND SAFEGUARDING

### First Aid

If you or another student has an accident or requires urgent medical attention, please come to the Main Office. If you are unable to walk, please contact us using the Emergency Phone.

### Personal safety and looking after your valuables

Our campuses are safe, but please stay alert, particularly in tourist areas. Here's some advice to help you enjoy a safe and worry-free visit.

- Be alert when you are walking in crowded places.
- Do not walk with your phone in your hand if you are not using it.
- Place your valuables (such as phone and wallet) in inside pockets or in your bag.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash unless you know you need to pay for something.
- Do not leave your belongings unattended.

### Fire safety

**If you discover a fire:** Press the fire alarm button on the nearest alarm. Leave the building immediately via the stairs and fire exit. Make sure you tell a member of EP staff exactly what happened so they can call the Fire Services.

**If you hear the fire alarm:** Leave the building immediately via the stairs and fire exit. Do not run, use the lift or stop to collect your belongings. EP staff will guide you to the fire exit. Go to the assembly point and stay with your class and teacher there.

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.

### Reporting Concerns or Abuse

If you ever feel unsafe, worried, or uncomfortable, whether because of another student, a staff member, or someone else, you should speak to a member of staff immediately.

You can talk to:

- Your Teacher or Activity Leader
- The Welfare Manager
- The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)
- Our YLs Centre Manager

If you don't feel comfortable talking to someone in person, you can write a note and leave it with a staff member or use our welfare email: [younglearners@englishpath.com](mailto:younglearners@englishpath.com).

We take all concerns seriously. We also have a whistleblowing policy, this means anyone can report unsafe or inappropriate behaviour, and it will be dealt with confidentially and professionally.

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## Holidays

**2026**

**1 Jan 2026**

**2 Feb 2026**

**17 Mar 2026**

**6 Apr 2026**

**4 May 2026**

**1 Jun 2026**

**3 Aug 2026**

**26 Oct 2026**

**25 Dec 2026**


**26 Dec 2026**

The school will be closed during the holidays. Please make sure to book your course/accommodation accordingly. Public Holidays are subject to change according to government announcements.

**When the school is closed on a Monday, new students start on Tuesday.**

Course days that fall on a public holiday are not reimbursed. The dates are observed as holidays in the year.

If you arrive on a week where the Monday is a holiday, your first day of school will be a Tuesday.

 **Need help?  
Not satisfied?  
Have a problem?**

At EP we believe that communication and an open-door policy is key to efficiently resolving any issue you might have. If you need help, are not satisfied with one of our services or you need advice, please talk to our staff at school. They will be able to help and assist quickly with any concerns you might have.

# First day at school

Feature	Tuition Only	Day Camp	Full Experience
Accommodation	✗	✗	✓
Lunch Provided	✗	✓	✓
Airport Pickup	✗ Can be requested	✗ Can be requested	✓
Evening Activities	✗	✗	✓

## Example Week for Full Experience Students

28 JUN Activities are subject to change due to weather conditions, availability or any other unforeseen event.

Time	7:00 - 8:30	8:30 - 12:30	12:45 - 13:45	14:00 - 17:45	18:30 - 20:00	20:00 - 21:30	22:00
Sunday	Arrival/Departure day / On Campus Activities						
Monday				Dublin City Attractions Walking Tour Adventurer ~ Trinity College Library & Book of Kells		Sports Games Night	
Tuesday				EP Wonder Workshops		Minute to Win It	
Wednesday	Breakfast	MUSEUMS	Lunch	River Liffey Sightseeing Cruise	Dinner	Irish Dance Party	Good Night
Thursday				Phoenix Park Treasure Hunt		Dundrum Shopping Centre	
Friday				National Gallery of Ireland		Graduation Party	
Saturday	Howth Trip: Coastal Village and Market & Burrow Beach // Discoverer ~ Ireland's Eye Coastal Cruise An Evening of Board Game Fun						

## Here's a detailed breakdown\*

### Tuition only - Timetable

Arrival	Afternoon Classes	Evening
<b>08:30</b> Welcome, school tour and induction	<b>14:00 - 15:00</b> Lesson 1 <b>15:00 - 15:20</b> Break <b>15:20 - 16:20</b> Lesson 2 <b>16:20 - 16:40</b> Break <b>16:40 - 17:40</b> Lesson 3	<b>18:30</b> Student pick-up (by parents/guardians)

### Day camp - Timetable

Arrival	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
<b>Welcome, check-in, residence tour and induction</b>	<b>08:30</b> Leisure time and meet the team	<b>13:00</b> Lunch <b>14:00</b> Lessons start	<b>18:00</b> Student pick-up (by parents/guardians)

### Full experience - Timetable

Arrival	Morning	Afternoon	Evening	Bed time
<b>Welcome, check-in, induction</b>	<b>07:00</b> Breakfast <b>08:30</b> Leisure time	<b>13:30</b> Lunch <b>15:00</b> Lessons start	<b>18:30 Onwards</b> Dinner and evening activities	<b>22:00</b> Bed time

\*Kindly confirm the exact timings and pick-up locations with the local teams.

# About your course

## Teaching methodology

### At EP we use the communicative approach which means:

- A focus on speaking
- Interactive lessons
- Noticing students' gaps and reacting to them
- Going beyond the textbook
- English for real life outside the classroom
- Understanding each student's individual needs

All EP teachers are trained in this approach from their first day, so students have the same experience in all levels at all EP locations.

## School material

**Books:** We use a range of age-appropriate teaching materials designed specifically for young learners.

**Additional material used:** Audio, Digital Presentation Material, Authentic Materials.

## Students

**Average Number of students per class:** 15

**Minimum age of students:** Can vary

**Average age of students:** Can vary

**Nationality mix:** Can vary

**End of course certificate:** you will receive a course certificate at the end of your course.

## Extracurricular activities

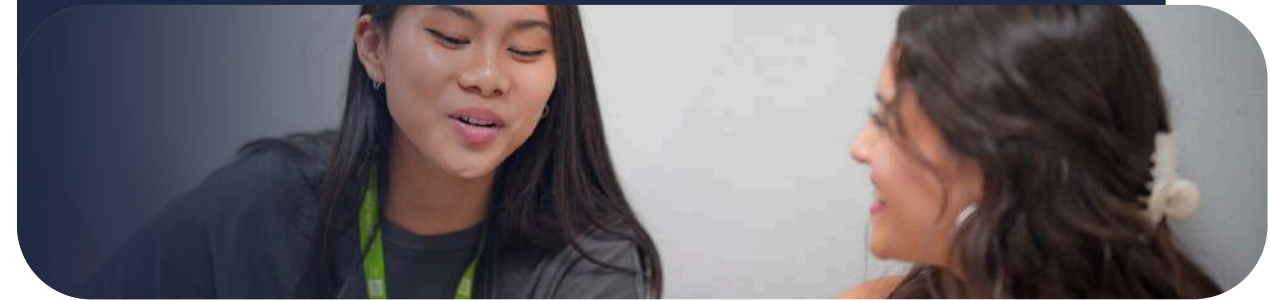
- Placement test to ensure accurate placing in levels
- Varied course materials
- Continuous progress monitoring

## Library and Study area

There is a bright study area available for students, offering a great space to support your learning. You'll also find open spaces where you can work with classmates and access the internet.

## How to

### improve your language skills during or outside of your course



## Study skills

Study Skills refer to the ability to frame and improve our learning. For example, what do we do when we learn a new word? Do we make notes? How? It's very important that we are organised in the way we learn, so that we have a much better chance of remembering the language and using it correctly in the future.

We would like to share with you some ways to keep learning and improving your English skills. If you practice these Study Skills, they will help you to continue your English language learning wherever you are.

## Listening, Reading and Writing

### What to listen to?

Try to listen to as many different types of spoken language as possible to improve your listening.

- Music and songs, TV shows, the news and films
- Speeches and interviews
- Audiobooks

### What to write?

Think about the language you've learnt that week and try the following:

- Write an email to a friend/your teacher
- Write a diary/journal entry each day
- Write your shopping list in English

### What to read?

There's so much you can read to practice your skills.

- Find an interesting article online?
- Choose a book you've read in your own language and get reading!
- Find an e-book and read on your daily commute to work or studies.

## How to

### practice vocabulary?



When you record vocabulary, you should also include longer phrases like:

phrasal verbs (e.g. get away with),  
multi-word expressions (e.g. How's it going?),  
idioms (e.g. raining cats and dogs),  
and collocations (e.g. take a chance).

Quizlet 



Download the [Quizlet app](#) – create your own set of flashcards, practice and test yourself!

Cut strips of paper or use index cards. Using your Language Bank, write a word on one side and the translation or definition on the other. Lay the cards on a table and test yourself by placing either all the language sides or all the translations/definitions face down and checking your memory.

Create two cards for each word, one with the word, one with its translation. Spread all the cards on a table and play a game of Snap! Here's how:

- Make two cards for each word and its translation.
- Place all cards face down on a table.
- Turn over two cards at a time.
- If a word and its translation match, you have a Snap!
- Put matched cards aside and continue until all are matched.
- Try timing yourself to complete the game as quickly as possible.



### Other useful websites for Learning and Practice

- [bbclearningenglish.com](http://bbclearningenglish.com)
- [englishclub.com](http://englishclub.com)
- [lyricstraining.com](http://lyricstraining.com)
- [ted.com](http://ted.com)
- [voscreen.com](http://voscreen.com)

### Exam Practice

- [flo-joe.com](http://flo-joe.com)
- [cambridge.org](http://cambridge.org)
- [ielts speaking.co.uk](http://ielts speaking.co.uk)
- [ieltsliz.com](http://ieltsliz.com)

### Grammar, Pronunciation and Vocabulary

- [bbclearningenglish.com](http://bbclearningenglish.com)
- [englishclub.com](http://englishclub.com)
- [lyricstraining.com](http://lyricstraining.com)
- [ted.com](http://ted.com)
- [voscreen.com](http://voscreen.com)

### Extra tip: Using a dictionary

Dictionaries are a useful resource for researching different meanings, collocations, examples of use and standard pronunciation. Use a mono-lingual dictionary and focus on understanding the meaning rather than translation of individual words. Translating individual words can often lead to misunderstandings.

A great, big paper mono-lingual dictionary is best but Cambridge, for example, have an online advanced learners' dictionary at [www.dictionary.cambridge.org](http://www.dictionary.cambridge.org), which is easy to use and provides examples of word use.

## Placement Test

At EP, we use the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) to place you in the most suitable class for your age & level.

Prior arrival you have to complete a placement test (grammar, writing, and speaking) so we can place you into the right group. You'll be in a class with students who are at a similar level, so you can feel confident and make progress.

<https://forms.gle/DZZqGqZ15GaYaar27>

During the course, your teachers and our academic team will check your progress. You'll also complete a mid-course feedback questionnaire to help us improve your learning experience.

At the end of your programme, you will receive an EP Certificate of Attendance, which includes:

- Your name and course dates
- Your CEFR level
- Your attendance record

## Timetable

Your classes will vary throughout the week. Monday to Friday, you will have a 3-hour lesson per day.

During the rest of the week, you will take part in:

- Half day activities

On excursion days, you will be provided with a packed lunch, and you will return to campus in time for dinner. On other days, after your morning activities, you will go to school for lunch and some free time before your 3-hour evening class, which includes two short breaks.

After class, it's dinner time, followed by evening activities. You'll then return to your accommodation before curfew (10:00pm/22:00)

Please remember:

- Students must not leave the premises unaccompanied.
- Curfew times and all school rules must be respected at all times for your safety and that of others.

# Take a look at your accommodation

## University College Dublin

Stay in a comfortable and secure accommodation at University College Dublin. Enjoy bright, cozy rooms and plenty of shared spaces to relax and connect with others. With being directly on campus and Dublin city centre nearby, this is the perfect place to feel at home while exploring the city. Experience convenience, comfort, and a welcoming community all in one spot!

- 24-hour security
- Free high-speed Wi-Fi
- Welcoming community
- Food nearby
- Study rooms & open study area
- Green spaces
- TV lounge



**Address:**  
University College Dublin,  
Belfield, Dublin 4, Ireland

### Your room

Shared 



## About the residence

### Accommodation Type:

Residence with Single or Shared Room  
Shared Bathroom

### Cleaning:

Weekly house-keeping

### Laundry:

One wash load per week (fee may apply)

### Neighbourhood:

Stay in a welcoming student residence with comfortable rooms, dining, and outdoor spaces, close to public transport and city attractions.

### Visitors/guests:

Guests are not allowed.

### Noise:

Residents are required to respect all other residents and maintain a level of noise that does not disturb others. Quiet hours are 10pm-8am.

### Smoking:

No smoking allowed.

### Reception/security desk:

24-hour reception including security personnel.

### Minimum stay

The minimum stay is 1-week.

**Check In:** After 3pm

**Check Out:** Before 9am

## What's nearby

<b>Bus stop:</b>	240 m away	<b>Dublin Airport:</b>	16 km away
<b>Dublin Castle:</b>	6 km away	<b>Merrion Strand:</b>	3 km away
<b>Phoenix Park:</b>	7.9 km away	<b>Dublinia:</b>	6 km away
<b>National Museum of Ireland:</b>	6 km away	<b>Games of Thrones Studio:</b>	132 km away
<b>The Howth Cliffs:</b>	22 km away	<b>EP Dublin Year-Round School:</b>	8 km away



# Take a look at your accommodation

## Homestay

Experience Dublin like a local by staying with a friendly family just minutes from our EP Dublin school. Enjoy a safe, comfortable home with delicious home-cooked meals and the chance to practice your English every day. It's the perfect way to dive into Irish culture while feeling right at home, and all in a super convenient location!

- The average commute is between 10 and 60 minutes by public transportation.
- Live in the home of a local resident.
- Comfortable, safe environment with meals prepared for you.
- Opportunity to practice English with your host.



 **Address:**  
South Dublin

## Your room

### Full-board

- 3 daily meals from Sunday to Sunday = 21 meals total.

### Half-board

- 2 daily meals from Sunday to Sunday = 14 meals total.



## About the homestay

**Things students need to bring:** Toiletries, personal items to make student's room feel at home, prescription medication, SIM card, a small gift for the host family (not required).

**Meals provided:** Yes (depends on booking type, please refer to the table).

**Breakfast:** Breakfast is usually a light meal consisting of cereal, fruit, toast, juice, or coffee. Hosts will usually ask you to prepare your own breakfast.

**Lunch:** If full-board: Your host family will prepare a packed lunch for you, which usually consists of a sandwich, fruit or sweets and a drink.

**Otherwise:** You will be responsible for buying your own lunch at school, from a local restaurant, or the local shops.

**Dinner:** You will usually eat dinner with your host, or occasionally you may prepare your own meal with food supplied by your host.

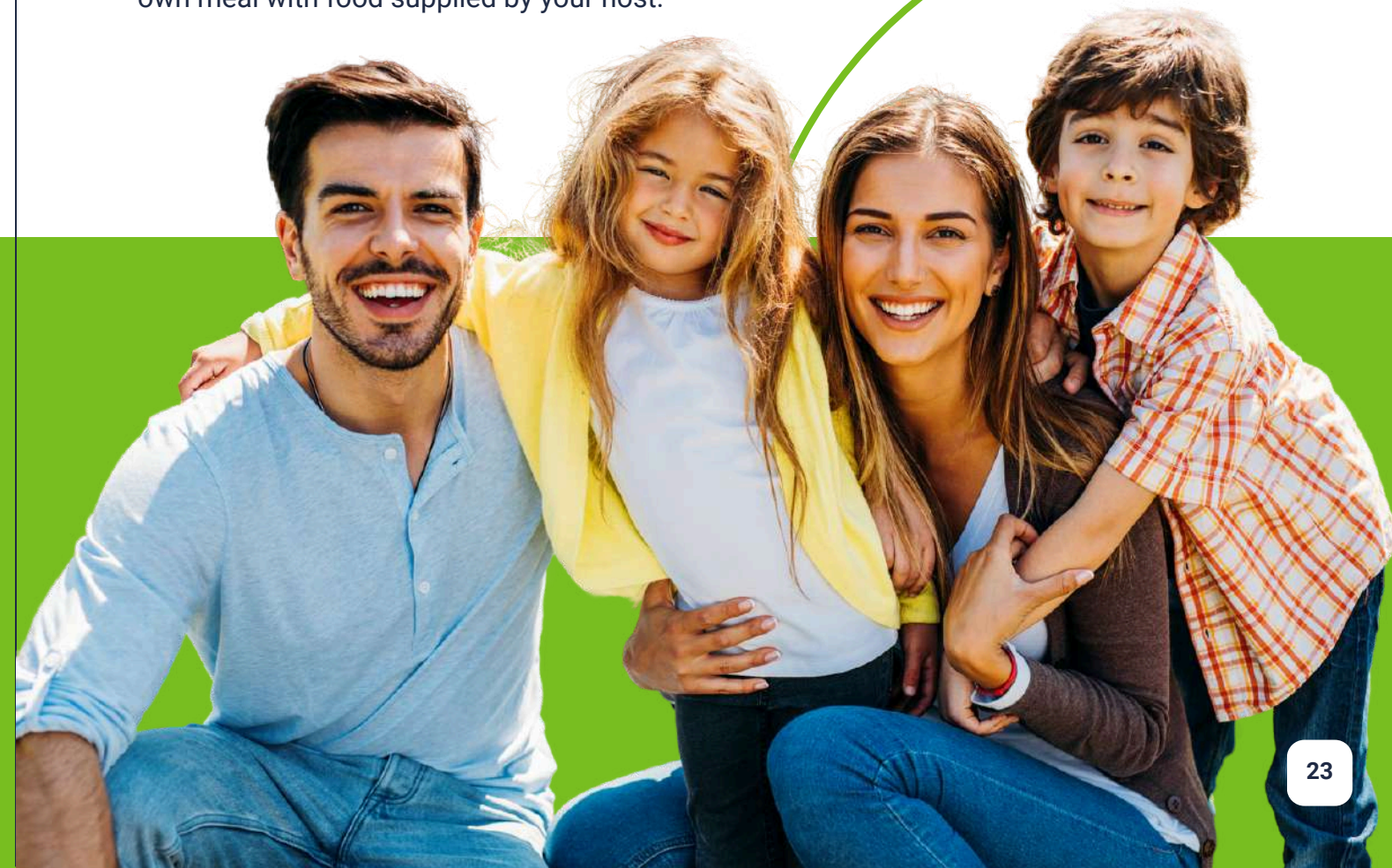
**Services included:** Bed linen, towels, telephone use for emergencies, students need to make sure to discuss laundry with their host family after you arrive as laundry facilities will depend on your individual homestay.

**Extra cost of services:** No

**Will the homestay arrange to pick up the student from**

**the airport?:** No. However you can book your airport transfer with your EP school. The transfer to your accommodation will then be organised accordingly.

**Transport to school:** Your host will help you to find your way to and from school on your first day and will show you how to use public transport.



# Recommendations

## Checklist & other useful information

Here are a few important items that you should bring with you:

- Passport
- Acceptance letter
- Accommodation letter
- Proof of health/medical insurance
- Some cash and credit/debit cards
- Apple or Google Pay
- Weather appropriate clothing
- Adaptor for electrical appliances
- Prescription medication and medical records
- Emergency information
- Airport transfer
- Phone and charger(s)
- Toiletries

## Clothing

Most students dress casually for classes, but you should bring nice clothes for going out and sportswear for sports and outdoor activities. The climate is changeable and maybe different from your own. The typical temperature is 25-30°C in the summer and 2 to 6°C in the winter, although it can drop below freezing. Bring waterproof clothing if you're arriving in the autumn or winter.

## Electrical current

Standard voltage is 230 volts; remember to bring an adaptor with you or buy one when you arrive.

## Arrival at the airport

When you land, connect to the airport Wi-Fi or use your mobile data to check for a welcome message from EP. Once you have collected your luggage and passed through security, look for a member of EP YL's staff wearing an EP YL's T-shirt or lanyard and holding an EP sign. You will be met at a clearly designated meeting point in the arrivals hall, where staff will welcome you and escort you safely to your residence.

# When you arrive in Dublin

Arriving in a new country can be confusing. Read the information below about your arrival and don't hesitate to ask airport staff for help if needed.

## EP YL transfers

If you book an airport transfer, please send your flight details at least 2 weeks in advance. Students should arrive at the airport on the Saturday or Sunday before their course starts.

For departure, EP YL's staff will escort you to the airport, assist with check-in, and stay with you until your flight leaves. They will also help if there are delays or issues. Students are contacted 40 minutes before departure to ensure everyone boards safely.

## Transfer help

If your flight changes or you need transfer help, call the emergency numbers and give your name, school (EP YL's), and location. Only use greeters with official EP YL's signage.

Join the school's WhatsApp group for daily updates and any urgent notices, including school closures or delays.

## Pocket money

While we cannot tell you exactly how much money to bring, please remember that all essential costs are already included in your programme: accommodation, meals, lessons, activities, visits and tours. Most students therefore only need money for personal expenses such as snacks, souvenirs, laundry, or any optional activities they choose to do in their free time.

Some students choose to give themselves a weekly budget of around €250, which is usually enough to cover everyday expenses, laundry, local travel and small outings. You will need additional funds if you plan to take weekend trips or purchase higher-cost items.

We recommend bringing around €100 in cash for your arrival and using a debit or credit card for the rest of your spending. Please check with your bank in advance to ensure your card will work in UK ATMs.

Do not bring foreign currency, and avoid carrying large amounts of cash for safety reasons.

# Location and Travel

## Bus & Train Stations



Sandycove Station	5 minutes
Dun Laoghaire Station	11 minutes
Monkstown Crescent	25 minute

## Train



**Irish Rail**  
The station also connects to the Irish Rail network, allowing easy travel to destinations like Connolly, Heuston, and Tara Street.

## Links



From Dun Laoghaire Station to:	
Dublin castle	12 stops
National Museum of Ireland	14 stops

## Walking distances



SuperValu Dun Laoghaire	6 minutes
Tesco Superstore	10 minutes
Centra	7 minutes

# Living costs

(sample prices for items in this city)

- Bottle of water: €2
- Coffee: €4
- Can of coke: €2
- Meal out for two: €60
- Takeaway pizza: €15
- Sandwich: €6
- Local bus ticket: €2  
(depends on the distance)
- Cinema ticket: €16

## Useful apps

UBER

**Uber**

Uber is a popular ride-sharing service that provides convenient and on-demand transportation through a mobile app.

Bolt

**Bolt**

Fast and affordable rides.



**Visit Dublin**

Official tourism information website.

Uber Eats

**Uber Eats**

Have your favourite Dublin restaurant food delivered to your door with Uber Eats.

# Staying Safe and Respectful in Dublin:

## What you need to know

### Local customs

Women in Ireland are equal to men and should always be treated fairly.

Irish people talk to strangers in public areas. This is a great way to practice English, but caution should be taken. 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.

Ireland is a culturally diverse nation where people of all ethnic backgrounds are treated equally.

### Laws

No one under the age of 18 in Ireland may buy or consume tobacco or alcohol, including beer and wine. It is against the law to buy tobacco or alcohol for someone you know who is under the age of 18.

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. 100% 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 family if you are going somewhere in the evening with your group leader.

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.

### Dublin Traffic regulations

When having tours:

- Look at both sides of the road.
- When it is safe, go cross the road – do not run.
- Keep looking and listening for traffic while you cross.
- Look out for cyclists and motorcyclists travelling between lanes of traffic.
- Do not walk diagonally across the road.
- Everyone in a vehicle must wear a seat belt.

### Medical Insurance

All students must have medical insurance for the duration of their stay in Ireland. They can either book medical insurance offered by English Path or they can choose their own. It must be booked with an Irish insurance company.

### Health and safety

**If you get sick:** If you get sick while in Ireland you should visit a doctor. 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.

**Staying safe at school:** If you or another student has an accident or needs urgent medical attention, please come to reception where the First Aider is located.

### Medical Costs (Approximate)

Medical costs are at the discretion of your local doctor or hospital. Minimum medical costs are as follows:

- Consultation with a doctor: €40-70
- Prescriptions at a chemist: €15 per item
- Dental treatment: €150
- Eye test or new glasses: €60-100

### Dental Care

Dental insurance generally encompasses both routine and emergency dental procedures, with certain policies offering global coverage. Typically, these policies require you to pay for dental services upfront, after which you can submit a claim to your insurer for reimbursement. However, it is important to recognise that not all policies are identical.

Numerous private dental practitioners impose fees for their services. It is advisable to consult your insurance policy for details regarding its dental coverage.

If you are experiencing dental discomfort, please reach out to a member of our team for assistance, and they will help you obtain the necessary care.

### First Aid

If you or another student has an accident or needs urgent medical attention, please come to the Main or Student Services Offices where the assistance staff is located.

### Prescription Medications

Remember to bring enough of your prescribed medication with you as Irish 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.

### Mental Health and Wellbeing

If you are experiencing mental health difficulties, there are several options for support. You can speak to the YL Coordinator or a member of the EP Staff, they will help you or can recommend an appropriate service for you.

We can provide immediate support on:

- Pre-existing health Concerns/ Mental health
- Wellbeing
- Anxiety
- Culture shock/ Homesickness
- Confidential Support in a private room for one to one or via WhatsApp

If they are severe conditions, we can suggest one of the credited centers to receive professional assistance.

### Emergency and First Aid

If you or someone else has a serious accident or needs immediate medical help:

- Call 112 in case of fire, a medical emergency or if you need the police (in Ireland the police force is the Gardai).
- Inform the EP office or use the emergency phone – staff will assist you immediately
- Paramedics will provide an initial check and help determine further steps

### 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 112. If you hear the fire alarm, leave the building immediately. Do not run, or 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 & Protecting Your Belongings

Dublin 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. In Ireland, you do not need to always carry your identification card or passport with you, you can keep it at home and carry a picture of your ID on your phone or a photocopy in your bag.

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

## What you can expect from EP YL's

At EP YL's, we care about you. Your safeguarding and wellbeing are very important to us. We strive to ensure your stay is surrounded by a safe and stable environment so you can focus on enjoying your experience, learning, and growing.

Following norms and rules helps create a respectful and supportive atmosphere where everyone can thrive and get along.

At EP, our mission is to provide high-quality, motivating courses that help students:

### Learn

We aim to help you improve your English skills to achieve your personal goals. That's why we employ excellent, experienced, and dynamic teachers who maintain high teaching standards.

### Excel

We want all students to do their best. Our creative and challenging classes are designed to bring out your full potential. At the end of your course, you will receive a certificate showing your achieved level.

### Grow

Language learning is a great way to build confidence and grow as a person. Experiencing other cultures helps broaden your horizons. Our lessons and activities are designed to support your personal development and help you flourish during your EP experience.

As part of your journey with EP, you will also receive:

- A friendly and efficient service from the Young Learners (YL's) Team to support you with any queries, problems, or questions.
- An initial placement test by the Academic Team to ensure you are placed at the right level.
- A modern, clean, safe, and well-lit environment to study in.
- An engaging activity programme with free and paid options, linked to your study programme to enhance your learning.
- Advice on further studies, such as exam classes, further or higher education.

## What we expect from you

### We cordially invite you to:

- Behave well at all times and everywhere you are.
- Respect all school rules and policies (available on our website).
- Follow local etiquette and cultural norms.
- Be punctual and attend all classes. 100% attendance is required for all Young Learner programmes.
- Speak the language at all times, practice makes perfect!
- Get to know and interact with your classmates. It's a great opportunity to make friends.
- Attend the school's induction presentation and read the student handbook, both contain important information to help you make the most of your stay.
- Keep Student Services informed of any changes in your personal circumstances, we care about your safety and wellbeing.
- Tell an EP YL's staff member if you are not feeling well, we need to keep the school updated about any absences.
- Refrain from eating or drinking (except water) in the classroom.
- Do not use your phone during class unless your teacher asks you to do so.

### Respect and Responsibility

- Cyber or in-person bullying or harassment will not be tolerated under any circumstances.
- At EP YL's, we follow the British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and respect for other people's values and beliefs.
- Smoking is not allowed. It is also banned in all public indoor spaces in Dubai.
- There are strict laws against illegal drugs. Penalties can be very serious, do not use or possess illegal substances during your stay.
- If you a minor, it is illegal to buy, attempt to buy, or consume alcohol, or for anyone else to buy it for you.

Students may be asked to leave their course early if they do not follow the Code of Conduct or EP's Disciplinary Policy.

# Code of Conduct

## General Behaviour

At EP YL's, we want everyone to enjoy their time, learn lots, and stay safe. To help make that happen, we ask you to follow the rules below. These rules are here to protect you and everyone around you. Students may be asked to leave their course early if they don't follow the code of conduct or EP's disciplinary policy.

- Be kind, polite and respectful to other students, staff, group leaders and members of the public.
- Treat others as you would like to be treated. Bullying, harassment (in person or online), and discrimination will not be tolerated.
- Respect everyone's culture, religion, background and identity. We all come from different places and that makes our school special.
- Follow all EP YL's rules and instructions from staff, they are here to keep you safe.

**● If a student breaks the rules, they may receive a warning, be removed from activities or classes, and in serious cases, parents or guardians will be contacted and the student may be sent home.**

## In Class

- Speak English at all times, this helps everyone improve!
- Be on time and attend all your lessons. You must attend 100% of classes, this is part of our programme.
- Phones are not allowed in class, unless your teacher asks you to use it for learning.
- No food or drink in classrooms (except bottled water).
- Tell a staff member if you feel unwell and can't attend class.

## Personal Conduct & Safety

- Follow laws: no smoking, no drinking alcohol, no drugs.
- If you are a minor, it is illegal to buy or drink alcohol or smoke.
- Drugs are strictly forbidden, this is a serious offence.
- Do not leave the school or residence without permission or a staff member.
- Respect curfews/supervision rules, these are there to protect you.

## Digital Behaviour

- Use phones, laptops and the internet responsibly and kindly.
- Do not post hurtful or inappropriate content about others.
- If you see something that makes you uncomfortable, tell a staff member immediately.

## Reporting Concerns

- If you are unhappy, feel unsafe, or see something wrong, talk to a staff member
- You can also email our confidential welfare support team at: [younglearners@englishpath.com](mailto:younglearners@englishpath.com)

## British Values

- Respect for the law
- Individual liberty and personal choice
- Equality and fairness
- Tolerance and respect for other cultures, beliefs and lifestyles

# Life in Dublin

Leisure time



## Phoenix Park

Phoenix Park is the largest urban park in Europe at 707 hectares (1,750 acres) - 5x bigger than Hyde Park in London! Our Treasure Hunt Activity gives you the chance to find the Presidents House, the Wellington Monument and even the herd of deer!



## Dublin City Walking Tour

The city centre walking tour showcases all the main sights of Dublin. Stopping at Trinity College courtyard, outside Dublin Castle, The Molly Malone Statue and the famous Temple Bar - this trip



## Viking Splash Tour

Tour the city in a very unique way with the Viking Splash Tour, a sightseeing bus that turns into a boat and takes you to the heart of the Viking history of Dublin on the water!



## The Howth Cliffs

Over 10 miles of hiking and walking trails with views of Lambay's Island, Ireland's Eye, the village of Howth, and the gorgeous, rocky coastline.

# Life in Dublin

Cultural



## National Gallery of Ireland

The National Gallery of Ireland, located in central Dublin, offers a rich collection of European and Irish art. Highlights include works by Caravaggio, Vermeer, and Jack B. Yeats, all displayed in a beautifully restored and welcoming space.



## Bray, Co. Wicklow

As Dublin is along the coast, the seaside town of Bray is just a short train ride away! From the promenade along Bray Bay Beach to the views hiking up Bray Head, there's something for everyone! In the summer Bray even welcomes a funfair!



## St. Patrick's Park & Cathedral

St. Patrick's Park, nestled beside Dublin's famous cathedral, offers a peaceful green escape in the heart of the city. With its landscaped gardens, fountains, and views of St. Patrick's Cathedral, it's a perfect spot to relax and reflect.



### The Coddle

A speciality from Dublin and a traditional stew dish. It was originally made to use up leftovers. There isn't a specific recipe to it but it traditionally includes sausages, rashers, potatoes, onions and herbs.



### Barmbrack

This is a sweet cake made with bread with added sultanas and raisins. Often shortened to brack, the name comes from the Halloween Brack that contains a ring inside!



### The Colcannon

Typical Irish dish made of mashed potatoes with kale or cabbage. This dish is generally served for Halloween and is fairly ancient.



### Soda bread

This authentic bread has become a classic of the Irish food scene and the recipes are passed from parents to the child for generations. You can find it in literally every bakery in Dublin.



### Dublin Castle

Dating all the way back to 1204, when it was built as a defensive fortification, Dublin Castle was the seat of British Rule in Ireland until 1922. Today it is used for Parliamentary addresses to the nation and is where the Presidents lie-in-state.



### Malahide Castle

Close to the sea, this castle is surrounded by a huge park. It is also the site of many famous concerts - from Arctic Monkeys to Charli XCX! You can explore old furniture, walk through beautiful gardens and hear the old ghost stories!



### Drirnagh Castle

A real medieval castle with water-filled moats! It's less famous but super fun, especially if you like knights. You can even learn how people lived long ago.

# Leisure and Supervision

Our Young Learners programmes include a full timetable of exciting cultural, educational, and social activities to help you enjoy the best of city life while making friends and practising your language in real-world settings.

Activities include sightseeing tours, cultural visits, sports, themed evenings, and excursions to iconic destinations such as museums and royal parks.

## Weekly Activity Schedule

A weekly activity schedule is shared at the centre, during induction and a reminder is shared the day before of the agenda for next day. Please note:

- All activities are mandatory unless otherwise advised for specific reasons (e.g. illness).
- The programme has been carefully designed to balance learning, fun, and student welfare.

## Supervision & Ratios

Student safety is our top priority. Supervision is provided at all times by trained staff:

- 1:20 ratio for students aged 13+
- 1:15 ratio for students aged 8–12

Staff roles are clearly allocated for each excursion, including first aiders, group leaders, and designated meeting points. Extra care is taken during transport, high-traffic areas, and late returns.

## Before Every Excursion

Before any outing, you'll attend a compulsory safety briefing which covers:

- The destination and cultural context
- Emergency contact information
- How to stay safe and what to do if separated
- The name and phone number of your lead staff member

## Free Time – Supervised Independence

During some city visits, short periods of free time are allowed in clearly defined areas.

You'll be asked to:

- Remain in small groups
- Share your live location with EP staff via mobile phone
- Check in at set times and return to the meeting point punctually

*This helps you enjoy some independence while ensuring staff can support you at all times.*

# Support for Parents

At EP, we understand how important it is for parents to feel informed and reassured while their child is studying abroad. We are committed to clear and responsible communication.

## Communication Protocol

In most cases, all communication with families will be made via the partner agent through whom the booking was arranged. This includes updates on:

- Attendance or unexplained absences
- Illness or medical concerns
- Behavioural or safeguarding issues


In the rare event of a serious emergency or where immediate contact is required, we may contact parents/guardians directly if it is deemed necessary for the child's safety or wellbeing.

## Staying in Touch

- Students are encouraged to stay in regular contact with families
- Wi-Fi is available in both the residences and the teaching centre
- Phone or video calls can be made during free time, especially in the evenings

## 24/7 Emergency Support

We operate a 24-hour emergency contact number for urgent situations. This number will be shared before arrival and is available to agents and families.

 Please only use this number for genuine emergencies, as it may be needed to support a student in immediate need.

We are here to safeguard your child's experience and wellbeing at all times.

## A Final Note

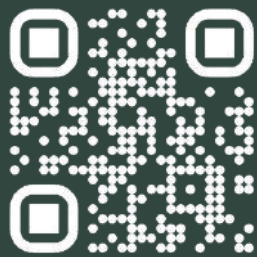
We are happy to welcome you to EP Young Learners. Let us begin our journey together filled with new discoveries and experiences.

It's your attitude that helps us do great things in different ways. You inspire us to keep improving, and it's your enthusiasm that drives us to do our best.

Let's encounter new possibilities, embrace learning, and create memories for life.

Let's enjoy the ride together!

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