



Notes for Parents and Guardians of students aged under 18 studying at English Path on adult courses

English Path primarily caters for students over 18 years old. Whilst we welcome students aged 16 and 17, it should be understood that we do **not** provide 24-hour supervision. Students under the age of 18 will study in classes with adults. Your child will travel between the school and the homestay unsupervised. Your child will **not be** supervised during their free time, e.g. at break times between lessons, and between lessons at the school and returning to their homestay.

The school has rules regarding the latest time under-18s can return to their homestay in the evening. This information can be found on our parental consent forms. There is also a link on to this on our website.

The school's social programme is not compulsory, nor is it specifically designed for under 18s. Certain activities are not suitable for students under 18. The school does aim, however, to provide a number of evening activities which are suitable for under-18s. All school social activities are supervised by school staff who can assist the students attending the activity. However, it should be understood that students attending evening social events are expected to arrange their own travel home. We strongly advise all students under 18 to return to their homestay with a friend, or preferably by taxi, particularly when it is dark. In July and August and at certain other times of year the school organises full day excursions to other cities on Saturdays and Sundays. These excursions are run by other companies, but please note – we will **not** sell places on these excursions to under-18s as we do not think the companies which run them provide the necessary supervision for children. Under-18s can only join English Path's own excursions.

Lunches are **not** included in the fees. The school does have a café offering tea, coffee, soft drinks and sandwiches, pastries and snacks. Most students buy their lunch from the café or supermarkets and take away food outlets that are near the school. Please understand that your child is responsible for his/her midday meals. You should ensure that your child has sufficient money to pay for adequate and nutritious lunches.

Please also ensure your child has money for transportation in and around London. Please note: It is the school policy **not** to allow any weekend or overnight stays away for under 18s UNLESS we are informed of this IN WRITING IN ADVANCE by the student's mother, father or legal guardian, and only if the student will be in the care of a responsible adult aged over 25 and going to a destination in Great Britain. We also need the name, address and contact details of the responsible adult, and the address of the location where the student will be staying. We reserve the right to not allow a weekend or overnight stay away if we think the trip may be unsafe for the child. We do not allow any weekend or overnight stays away for

under 18s to any destination outside Great Britain.

We strongly advise parents of students aged 16 and 17 to organise return taxi transfer, to avoid any problems upon arrival/departure to the UK.

All students under 18 must bring a completed parental travel consent form with them to the UK. There is a link to this on our website or you can request it from our Enrolment Officer when booking.

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