



Notes for Parents and Guardians of students under 18

ICE primarily caters for students over 18 years old. Whilst we welcome students of 16 and 17 years for our multi-national classes, it should be understood that we are a central London English school and do not provide 24-hour supervision. It is therefore very important that parents and guardians consider whether students under 18 are sufficiently mature to act responsibly during their stay in London.

- 16 and 17 year-old students will study in multi-national classes with adults.
- Students under 16 are called 'juniors'. Our minimum age for ICE tuition is 11 years old.
- Juniors are taught in 'closed' groups who travel together.
- For reasons of welfare, under-18 year-old students must be accommodated in Homestay families.
- Families who accept younger students will all be enhanced DBS checked.
- Travelling to school: Homestay families have a duty to escort junior students to the meeting point where they meet up with their group leader who has a responsibility to travel with them to ICE.
- ICE uses British Council accredited accommodation agencies to provide homestays and other accommodation and so they have been judged to adhere to British Council welfare & safeguarding standards.
- ICE is responsible for your child while he/she is in the school building.
- Your child will not be supervised by ICE during their free time, e.g. between the end of their lessons at the school and returning to their homestay.
- Whilst outside the school building, the group leader is responsible for their welfare. Please check the agreement you have with your Educational Tour Operator or School trip organiser for more information.
- All students in homestay families (in particular, under-18 year-olds) will be subject to designated times to return to their homestay in the evening. They will be told this by their host families.
- The school's social programme is not compulsory, nor is it specifically designed for this age group. Certain activities are not suitable for students under 18. The school does aim, however, to provide some evening activities which are suitable for under-18s such as Film Night. 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 host



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- family with a friend, or preferably by taxi, particularly when it is dark.
- You should ensure that your child has sufficient money to pay for lunches and for transportation in and around the city.
 - A completed *Parental Consent form* is obligatory before we can accept a junior student.
 - ICE endeavors to liaise with parents, guardians and registered agents whenever there are concerns about a student under 18.
 - If you would like more information about our Welfare policies you can find them on our Groups page on our web site:
<http://www.letslearnenglish.org/summer-school/> or you can contact Amanda@letslearnenglish.org



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