



Information for parents or guardians of students under 18 years old accepted on to a General English course as either an individual or as part of a group

English in Chester accepts students aged under 18 on to some of our courses. In the UK, students under the age of 18 are children in law. Please note that our General English course is an adult course and there will be students aged over the age of 18, and will include materials appropriate to adult students.

English in Chester has a legal duty to safeguard and protect children studying at the school. Parents or guardians of children at English in Chester must complete a parental consent form and agree to certain restrictions on their child as a condition of studying at the school. These include the following restrictions:

- Students under 16 are only accepted on our Summer Course for Teenagers or in closed groups. Where closed groups of students under 16 study in the main school, the timetable is adjusted so the younger students do not have the same break times as the students over 16 and these groups are allocated classrooms exclusively for their use in a separate part of the main school.
- Students under 18 must live with a homestay during their stay in Chester, or exceptionally with a guardian appointed by the parents of the child and approved by the school. We do not offer residential accommodation to students under the age of 18.
- Students under 18 are not allowed to travel independently outside of the immediate Chester area without permission from the school. We will normally ask for full details of the student's travel plan and we will check whether this is safe. If in our opinion the plans are not safe, we will try to find ways to make it safe, but otherwise we will not give permission.
- Students under 18 have to be at home with their host family at an agreed time, depending on their age.
- Students under 18 must follow the law in the UK at all times. This includes restrictions on buying and drinking alcohol and cigarettes.
- As part of their course, usually on the first day, all students under 18 will receive a briefing on staying safe. This will include internet safety.

They will be able to meet regularly with our Designated Safeguarding Person (DSP) to discuss any difficulties or concerns they are having.

We will require emergency contact details for all students under 18. In case of a real emergency, you can contact the school on +44 1244 318913 in normal office hours, or on +44 7971857841 at other times.

There are further details of our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policies and Procedures on our website in the Policies and Procedures section (www.english-in-chester.co.uk/enrol/policies-procedures).

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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