
Students Under 18 on an Adult Course

Weekly welfare meetings, curfews, supervision and the law on alcohol and cigarettes for students aged 15–17 on adult courses.

In the UK, anyone under the age of 18 is a minor, and we take extra care of students under 18. Every week there will be a meeting with our Welfare Officer, Charlie, for students who are 15 years old, and for 16 and 17-year-olds who are not part of a group. Students must attend this meeting. Charlie will check that everything is OK with their stay. If students have any problems at all, or they are worried about anything, they can speak to Charlie at any time, and Charlie can arrange to talk in private if they prefer.

If students are absent from school, the teacher will report it, so it is important that students arrive on time every day. If a student is ill, they can speak to our Welfare Officer to arrange a doctor's appointment.

We ask students to be courteous and let their hosts know where they are going when they leave the house. For example, if they miss the bus home and will be late, they should call their host to let them know. Students we cannot contact will be reported as missing to the police.

The law in the UK

- It is illegal to buy alcohol under the age of 18.
- It is illegal to buy cigarettes under the age of 18.

Supervision and curfews

It is important for parents to know that students studying on an adult course (age 15+) will not be supervised at break times, after school or on evening activities.

Unsupervised curfews for under-18s vary. Our school policy is:

Age	Curfew
12 years and under	Not allowed out unsupervised
13–14 years old	9pm
15 years old	10pm
16–17 years old	11pm
18+ years old	Set by each individual host

This applies unless the agent, parent or group leader has specified something different.

Students aged 18+ who don't follow their host's curfew times are at risk of expulsion, or will have to find their own private accommodation.