

Living in another country might seem a strange experience for you, especially if it is your first time away from home. Not only will you live in a different house, but you will also have to cope with new people and possibly very different food. However, this can and should be a very exciting experience! Please read this introduction to England to prepare you for your visit.

At home with your host family

- 1 English people have a habit of saying 'Please' and 'Thank you' very often.
Example: 'Would you like some more pasta?' please reply with 'Yes, please' or 'No, thank you'.
- 2 When somebody speaks to you and you don't understand, it is polite to say 'Pardon?'.
Example: 'Do you know the way to the town centre?' Reply with 'Pardon?' if you didn't understand.
- 3 Please let your host family know, if there is something you don't like to eat.
We informed your host family about any allergies that have been noted on your enrolment form. If you do not need any dinner for whatever reasons, please tell your host family **before** they have prepared it for you.
- 4 Whenever you come home, always greet your host with a smile and say 'Hello'.
When you leave the house say 'Goodbye' and let your host know where you are going and when you will return.
Please stick to your curfew time and be home on time, if you are under 18 years of age.
- 5 Please give your host your mobile phone number. If you are late home, they may worry and feel they should contact the school's emergency phone. This will cause everybody to worry.
UK sim cards are available in the office. Always carry your student card with you.
- 6 We advise host families not to allow students to use their phone or their computer.
There is always a risk that you may accidentally delete important files or be the cause of a virus.
Please do not expect your host family to pay for your calls – 99% of our host families have WiFi.
- 7 Please keep your room tidy, especially if you are sharing with another student.
You should give your laundry once a week to your host, who will wash it for you.

Out and About

- 8 It is polite to say 'Sorry' or 'Pardon' when you get in somebody's way on the street or in a shop.
- 9 At a bus stop, shop or café people will form a queue (a line).
It is important that you go to the end of the queue and wait for your turn to enter.
- 10 It is very important to respect people who live near the school.
Please do not sit on garden walls, block the pavements or throw litter in the street (you could be fined £75). You should not meet your friends at the school in the evening because the noise upsets the neighbours.
- 11 You cannot buy or drink alcohol if you are under the age of 18 years.
It is illegal to buy alcohol for other people who are under the age of 18. You could be arrested.
If you are under the age of 18 years you cannot buy cigarettes either. It is prohibited to smoke inside and in public places. If you are a Junior student you are not allowed to smoke.
- 12 In the UK cars drive on the left hand side. This might be different to where you are from.
Please be very careful when crossing the road and always use a pedestrian crossing.
Look RIGHT, look LEFT and look RIGHT AGAIN.

If you have a question or a problem while you are in England you can ask:
Your teacher, Oriana (Welfare Officer), your host family or any member of staff

We are all more than happy to help and are looking forward to meeting you soon! 😊

Your Southbourne School of English Team

Before you leave, think!

Ask yourself and answer these important questions before you leave for Britain.

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| Is my passport valid? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Have I got the correct visa (if a visa is required)? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Do I need a single visa or multiple visas? | <input type="checkbox"/> Single | <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple |
| If you travel outside of the UK, will you need a Schengen visa? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Have I got a 'Letter of Consent' from the school or college in Britain? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Have I arranged somewhere to stay? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Do I have enough money for my time in Britain? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Can I prove to the British authorities that I have enough money? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Do I have addresses and telephone numbers for both my school and host family in Britain? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Do I have the telephone number of my country's Embassy in Britain? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Do I know how to get to the school when I arrive in Britain? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Do I have enough money to get to the host family when I arrive? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Have I told my host family and the school about my travel arrangements and arrival times? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |



SAY PLEASE & THANK YOU

RESPECT RULES

FROM HOST FAMILIES

AT SCHOOL



HELLO & GOODBYE

STUDENT CARD



COMMUNICATE



QUEUE AND WAIT

RIGHT, LEFT, RIGHT



ASK QUESTIONS IF YOU
DO NOT UNDERSTAND