

Information for parents/guardians enrolling students aged 16 or 17.

Please note all 16 and 17-year-old students enrolling on a course at The Language Training co School of English will be treated as adults. Students under 18 (16 and 17) will regularly mix with students aged 18 or over in the classroom and during social activities and excursions. Students under 18 are required to wear an identification lanyard in school at all times so that they can be clearly recognised by teachers and other staff members. Their attendance is also monitored by an automated notifications system so the school can contact under 18 students immediately if they are not in class.

All students at The Language Training co receive high-quality tuition in the classroom and outstanding support from our staff throughout their experience and, wherever possible, an additional level of care is provided to students under the age of 18.

Enrolling under 18 students

As under 18-year-olds are not yet considered adults by UK law, The Language Training co must receive a completed and signed Under 18 Consent Form for all under 18-year-olds enrolling on a course. This form is mandatory and must be completed, signed, and dated by a parent / guardian and returned to The Language Training co prior to the start of the student's course. Students will not be allowed to join classes or take part in any activities without the parental consent form.

Airport Transfer service for under 18 students

The Language Training co arranges airport transfers on request. We strongly advise that all under 18 students use this service to ensure safety on arrival and departure. A The Language Training co representative will meet the student at the arrival gate of the airport. All our representatives work for contracted taxi firms. They undergo thorough employment checks including DBS and will carry ID with them at all times. If you do not require this service, written consent must be given to the school with clear information regarding how the student will travel to and from the airport.

In case parents/legal guardians opt not to use our airport transfer service under 18 students still need to pre-book a transfer service prior to their arrival. Immigration officers reserve the right to

not allow under 18 students into the UK if they do not have a pre-booked transfer service to their destination.

Homestay accommodation for students under 18

We pay special attention to our homestay accommodation service, so families and homes that we have inspected and selected, guarantee students a comfortable and welcoming stay while they are in Bournemouth. All homestay families used by The Language Training co School of English for under 18s undergo regular DBS checks and inspections to ensure their suitability.

The Language Training co School of English will always try to place students who are under 18 with families where other students, hosted by that family, will also be under 18. It is our duty of care to ensure that any student under the age of 18 receives adequate meals on a full board basis. If your child does not require full board and you are happy to provide them with sufficient funds to buy lunch, you are required to show this in writing and inform us of the alternative arrangements.

Social programme and excursions and unsupervised time

While the school regards the safety of under 18 extremely important, please be aware that when students do not come in an organised group, The Language Training co School of English does not take responsibility for students' behaviour and actions outside of their lesson times at school. Where students come to The Language Training co privately, no provision is made for them outside lesson times.

Students at The Language Training co are offered a weekly social programme throughout the year which they can opt to join. Some of these events are free and any fees to events and activities are always clearly stated. Please ensure the student has enough funds to cover activities they may wish to join. All social programme events are supervised by The Language Training co School of English staff. The school also arranges weekend excursions to cities and places outside London through a reputable travel company.

Please authorise on the Under 18 Consent Form if you would like the student to book onto activities and excursions, which will include over 18s, arranged by The Language Training co

School of English or a travel company approved by the school. Students under 18, who wish to participate in such activities and have parental consent, will be identified to the organiser/leader.

Medical care

We strongly recommend the purchase of an emergency medical insurance plan to all students joining our school. Please speak to our welcome team when booking your course.

The Language Training co has First Aid qualified staff available on site, Monday to Friday. The school can also help students arrange visits to a doctor if required. The Language Training co School of English can only seek medical treatment for a student under 18 if we have received a signed Under 18 Consent Form.

Spending money

Pre-paid debit cards are the best alternative for foreign students in the UK. Most offer parental control services so expenses can be monitored by their parents / legal guardians. We strongly advise that students do not carry large amounts of cash. Most businesses in the UK prefer card payments to cash.

Flights

Some airlines do not allow under 18 passengers to travel without an adult. As airline policies regarding young travellers change frequently, you must check the current guidelines before booking any flights. Please book flights in good time to ensure that under 18 students will not travel at unacceptable and possibly dangerous times, for example, very late at night.

Safeguarding

The Language Training co School of English takes students' safeguarding and welfare very seriously. Please refer to our safeguarding policy to learn more.