



Behaviour Policy

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At Alpha Guardians we expect our students to behave in a manner that is acceptable and pleasing to staff, host families and their school. It is essential that all students abide by UK Laws and guidance can be sought from Alpha Guardians for clarification.

To gain the best from their time in the UK it is important that students take responsibility for themselves and their actions, within the confines set for them by their age, school, host family or Alpha Guardians.

Therefore we expect our students to:

- Be part of the family – speak with your hosts, share some time with them and join them whenever you can
- Do some of the household chores – such as laying the table, washing the dishes etc.
- Keep yourself clean. Have a shower/bath once a day
- Keep your own room nice and tidy
- Leave the bathroom clean, dry and tidy and suitable for others to use
- Close the windows and lock the doors when leaving the homestay
- Turn lights off when leaving the room
- Have your own spending money and take care of your own finances
- Not to misuse the internet connection in your homestay or at school
- Not to use your hosts phone unless by prior arrangement

At School, we expect our students to:

- Follow the school rules – this may include rules on uniform, shoes, mobile phone use, attendance, homework, behaviour in class and on school grounds
- Join in – classes are designed to be interactive, where you may be asked a question, or to work as part of a group. This shows understanding. At these times of class participation, you are not expected to remain quiet
- Pursue after school or extra curricular activities – this may include music interests or sports. This is an excellent way to do something you enjoy and mix with people who have a similar interest too
- Respect the teacher and adults in authority and follow advice given
- Attend each day, on time, with the correct uniform, books and homework completed, always working to the best of your ability

Outside of the school/homestay, we expect our students to:

- Transport yourself by use of buses, trains, bicycles or walking
- Travel only in the permitted area allowed
- Inform hosts and Alpha Guardians of intended travel plans, location, travel arrangements and times prior to travel
- Inform Alpha Guardians of all travel outside the town of residence
- Have a mobile phone and carry it with you at all times, ensuring it has credit
- Be aware of personal safety

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Homesickness

During the first few days and weeks, some students may feel 'homesick' as they miss their family and friends and the familiarity of things at home. Each student reacts differently in this situation, and has different needs during this period of adjustment. We encourage all students to share how they are feeling with their host, Alpha Guardians, a friend or teacher at school as this will really help as we can support you during this time.

Curfew Times

Years 7, 8 and 9

Sunday to Thursday - home by 9pm

Friday, Saturday and School holidays - 9pm

Years 10 and 11

Sunday to Thursday - home by 9.30pm

Friday, Saturday and school holidays - 9.30pm

Years 12 and 13

Sunday to Thursday - No later than 9.30pm

Friday, Saturday and school holidays - 11pm

Individual Travels

- You are permitted to travel within your community and town of residence and need to inform your host as to your whereabouts and return time.
- Travel outside this area needs to be checked with Alpha Guardians too stating your travel arrangements and return times.
- Students under the age of 16 are not allowed to travel to London unless accompanied. No over night stays will be granted.
- Permission needs to be sought through the agent for overnight stays or sleepovers.
- Parental visits - permission is required from the parents for the student to travel alone to meet them. Full travel plans are required by Alpha in advance.

Internet Usage

Although many hosts will be happy to provide you with internet access in their home, some may choose to restrict the download limit, speed or time spent on the internet.

In the UK, it is unusual to spend lengthy amounts of time on the internet and we ask that if this happens you respect your hosts wishes. It is advisable that students adhere to any restrictions placed on them as internet use in the homestay is a privilege, not a right.

Alcohol, drugs, smoking, sexual relationships and intimate photographs

All students are bound by UK law. This includes laws regarding drugs, alcohol tobacco and sexual relationships. Students found to be taking part in illegal activities will be removed from the programme and returned home. This also includes the taking and sharing of intimate photographs which can lead to prosecution by a Judge.

Students are not permitted to consume or commence any of these things while they are under the Guardianship of Alpha Guardians.

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