



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 of 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 - In for the evening meal

Friday, Saturday and School holidays - 9pm

Years 10 and 11

Sunday to Thursday - In for the evening meal

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.

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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Unacceptable Behaviour

For students who show unacceptable behaviour by breaching the rules, whether those of the Alpha, their school or the homestay, they will be subject to the Student Warning Card system as follows:

Yellow card – 1st Warning

Students will receive this card for breaches of the rules or unacceptable behaviour with clear guidelines as to how to improve their behaviour and what is expected of them. Their parents will be notified.

Orange card – 2nd Warning

Students will receive this card if either the behaviour relating to the yellow card has not improved or the nature of their behaviour warrants this level of warning. Procedure will follow that of the Yellow Warning Card

Red card – 3rd Warning

Students will receive this warning if their behaviour has not improved from being issued yellow or orange warning cards or they have violated UK laws. The giving of this card also includes the student being asked to leave the programme and them being returned to their parents. A Red warning can be the only warning received should the offence be severe.

Examples of behaviour that may warrant a yellow card are rudeness, missing school, not informing host of whereabouts, frequently taking food without permission, refusing to do household chores, using the host's phone without permission.

Examples of behaviour that may warrant an orange card are smoking in public places, constantly breaking curfew times, watching/downloading from pornographic sites on the computer, bullying others at school, being drunk and disorderly.

Students will receive a red card if they have received a yellow/orange card previously and their behaviour has not improved, or if their behaviour/action has been so severe e.g. by breaking the UK law, that they cannot continue with the programme. This could include theft, under-age sex, violence, destruction of private property.

Please note that these lists are NOT exhaustive and each case will be decided on an individual basis.

In every incident, the parents of the students will be informed as to what their child has done, the type of warning they have received, and what is required of the student in order for their warning to be removed (if applicable).

For any student who breaks the laws of the UK they will be subject to any police investigation, prosecution or court appearance given. Should the law be broken and police involved, students may have restrictions placed on them for travel by the authorities.