



ARRIVAL CHECKLIST – AUG/2025

THE FIRST DAY

- Depending on which airport you arrive at, you will be met by either your host family, a member of the Educatius team or one of our pre-arranged transfers. They will take you directly to your host family.
- Let your parents know you've got there safely, but don't spend too long on the phone with them.
- Don't spend too long in your room, spend time speaking with your new family and finding out more about them, their home and their lives. First impressions are the most important.
- Don't worry if you don't understand everything everyone says; it might take you a while to get used to their accents and the speed of natural spoken English, but you will improve very quickly if you interact with them regularly.
- Don't be afraid to ask them to repeat things or speak a bit more slowly, and don't be afraid to make mistakes with your English – they're part of the learning process!

THE FIRST WEEK

There will be an orientation meeting with your local coordinator soon after you arrive (usually the first weekend) when you will be able to ask questions about any aspect of the programme, but here is some advice on dealing with the first week:

Make sure you ...

- know what date and time you have to be at school, and who you have to report to.
- know how to get to school, and how long it will take.
- know how to buy a bus pass if you need one.
- know which bus to take, and where to get on and off for both going to school and coming home.
- have the right clothes/school uniform, or buy any items you need.
- have an Irish SIM card, and give the number to your host family and your local coordinator.
- get up early enough to have breakfast before you leave for school.
- know about and follow any house rules regarding food, mealtimes, using the bathroom, washing clothes, home security, noise, etc.
- have the phone number and email address for your local coordinator.
- know when and where the orientation meeting with your local coordinator will be; all students must attend this meeting.
- Check your email at least once a day – this will be the most convenient way of communicating with you for anyone who does not have your mobile number.