



Welcome to your UK & Ireland High School Programme

PROGRAMME RULES

These rules are in place because we have a duty of care to all our students, host families & staff. Following them will keep you safe whilst allowing you the freedom to enjoy yourself.

- 1.** Students must follow all rules and decisions made by Educatius. Educatius reserves the right to terminate a student's programme without any refund should the student violate the Programme Rules.
- 2.** Students must abide by the local laws of the host country. Failure to do so will result in immediate programme termination.
- 3.** The natural family and the student must be prepared to accept the host family that has been screened and approved by Educatius Staff. A change of host family takes place only in exceptional situations and at the discretion of Educatius. In case of a host family move requested by the student based on preference and not on necessity, a move can be arranged on payment of a £600 / €600 student relocation fee.
- 4.** Natural parents will not contact Educatius staff or host families unless given prior approval. All contact will be via the local sending organisation as per your agreement with them.
- 5.** The natural family and the student understand that filling in the Educatius application form makes them a candidate only. Once Educatius receives your application we will present your candidacy to our partner schools who will make a final decision on acceptance. Educatius cannot guarantee placements at chosen SELECT schools.
- 6.** All students must obtain comprehensive insurance which includes medical, accidental damage, personal belongings and lost luggage cover for the duration of their programme. For students travelling within the EU a European EHIC card will not suffice in lieu of insurance. Where students are travelling to the UK from countries that require a valid visa for entry, it is advised that they do not travel until their visa is approved.
- 7.** Failing to disclose any existing or previous physical or mental health condition may result in the termination of the programme or Educatius strongly recommending professional mental health input that may incur extra costs.
- 8.** If a student shows signs of a physical or mental health condition whilst on the programme, Educatius reserves the right

to terminate their programme or may strongly recommend consultation professional services that may incur extra costs.

9. Educatius acts as the guardian for the student and reserves the right to make decisions and access information related to the student.

10. Students must attend all pre-departure orientations; this includes the online Educatius pre-departure programme as well as those held in their home country before travelling. Students are strongly advised to sign up for the Welcome Camp organised in the hosting country which will incur an extra cost. Students must also attend Educatius post arrival orientations.

11. Students are not allowed to remain in the host country after the programme ends unless they are being met by a family member.

12. Parents and guardians are discouraged from visiting Educatius students whilst they are on the programme. If parents would like to visit, the visit must occur towards the end of the programme or during school holidays and be approved in advance by Educatius. The student is under no circumstances allowed to miss school. The host family will not provide accommodation to the natural parents/guardians.

13. Independent day travel outside of the placement area is only possible with the consent of the host family. When taking day trips students must be back in their placement area by 8pm.

14. Independent overnight travel within the placement country to visit a relative or friends who are over the age of 21 can be approved. For Educatius to approve the travel the student's parents must submit a Travel Request Form (TRF) no later than 7 days before the planned travel. During this time, students are signed off the programme and Educatius are not responsible for the student.

15. Travel home during school holidays can be approved if a TRF is submitted no later than 7 days before the planned travel. Travel requests will not be approved if the student will miss any days of school, unless evidence can be provided of extenuating circumstances (such as a medical issue/death of a close relative). During this time, students are signed off the programme and Educatius are not responsible for the student.

16. Students must follow the host family rules and integrate into the host family's life, act respectfully towards all members of the host family and keep them informed of their whereabouts.

17. The student's personal property is not the responsibility of Educatius, their sending organisation or the Host Family. Any lost or stolen personal property of the student, including money which is not covered by any insurance policy, is the responsibility of the student.

18. All accidental or intentional damage to the host family's property will lead to an investigation by Educatius UK & Ireland which could result in a financial claim against the student.

19. Host families are responsible for providing breakfast and dinner Monday-Friday. At weekends and during school holidays, this is 3 meals a day. Should students choose to eat additional/alternative meals, they must obtain these themselves. This includes school lunches, snacks, outings with friends and similar situations.

20. Students should have access to adequate funds each month to cover personal expenses. Students should not borrow money or items from any member of their Host Family or other students.

21. School attendance is compulsory. Students must attend school every day and follow school absence policy. School attendance should be at least 95%. Failure to attend regularly may result in the school rescinding the students' enrolment which would result in immediate programme termination.

22. Students must always follow school behavioural rules. If the school contacts an Educatus staff member to report misbehaviour, a final written warning will be immediately issued. If further school behavioural issues arise after a written warning the student will likely be dismissed from the programme. Expulsion from school will result in immediate dismissal from the programme. Misbehaving at school is inclusive of, but not limited to:

- Fighting (physically or verbally with other students)
- Unkind, inappropriate, inflammatory, or disrespectful remarks directed towards school staff or other students
- Damaging school property
- Bullying other students
- Stealing

23. Students must arrive on time for school. If the school contacts an Educatus staff member to report excessive tardiness, a written warning will be immediately issued. Continued tardiness after the issue of a written warning may result in dismissal from the programme.

24. Students must maintain a C-average or higher in all courses at the host high school. Failure to do so may result in the school rescinding the student's enrolment which would result in immediate programme termination.

25. Students must follow the school dress code inclusive of any hair, piercings, or jewellery policy. Failure to do so may result in the school rescinding the student's enrolment which would result in immediate programme termination.

26. Whilst on programme, students should respect the following curfew times:

- Sunday - Thursday 9pm (unless attending an organised school/host family event)
- Friday & Saturday – 10:30/11pm (at the host family's discretion)

Failure to do so will result in a written warning being issued and if curfews are still not being respected, may result in dismissal from the programme.

27. Students on Classic programmes accept that there is no guarantee of subject choices in Classic schools.

28. It is compulsory for students entered for internal or public-school exams to take these exams before departure at the end of their programme. Failure to do so will result in non-completion of the programme and end-of-year assessments will not be provided.

29. Obtaining end of school programme reports or other documents required for validation or approval of their exchange programme is the student's responsibility.

30. Possession, purchase, or use of illegal drugs is prohibited. Consumption of alcohol and legal highs is prohibited. Students found to be violating this rule will be dismissed from the Educatius UK & Ireland programme immediately.

31. Educatius UK & Ireland does not allow students to smoke tobacco cigarettes, e- cigarettes, or to use any form of tobacco while participating on the programme.

32. Students on the Educatius UK & Ireland programme are not permitted to hitchhike under any circumstances.

33. Within a month of arrival to the UK students will have a UK number they can be contacted on. This is essential to purchase bus passes and for communication between students, schools, and host families. Students are advised to purchase a secondary phone or to arrive with a phone capable of holding two SIM cards if they want to retain their original number.

34. Natural parents are obligated to inform Educatius prior to programme commencement if there is a serious family issue that could affect either the mental or physical health of the student while on the programme. Serious family welfare issues are inclusive of, but not limited to:

- An immediate family member with a life-changing or terminal illness
- Natural parents going through a recent divorce
- A history of any type of abuse within the family

Educatius need to be informed of any family issue or situation that could impact how the student settles and accesses their exchange programme. Failure to disclose serious family situations could impact continued programme participation.

35. Possession of, or handling knives or any other weapons is not permitted.

36. Sexting, that is, sending or sharing sexually explicit digital images, videos, text messages or emails is not permitted. It is illegal in the UK to receive an indecent image or video of anyone under 18.

37. Students may not make any life-changing decisions while on the programme. This is inclusive of but not limited to:

- Getting pregnant

- marriage
- changing of sex
- changing religion
- tattoos & piercings

38. Whilst on the programme students should not undertake paid employment. Students are permitted to take part in voluntary work (e.g., at local charities or in the community).

39. If a student under the age of 16 has a serious medical issue on programme that requires more than one night of hospitalization, the natural parents will be required to make plans to travel to the UK within 24 hours of hospital admission and required to care for their son/daughter for the remainder of hospital stay.

40. All costs incurred by host families or local coordinators due to student illness in under 16s will be charged back to the natural parents. Costs may include, but are not limited to: clinic visit costs, medication costs, mileage costs associated with medical visits, hospital parking costs, food purchased while caring for students in hospital, sundry items needed for overnight hospital stays - toothbrush, pyjamas, soap etc.

41. Educatus will never place two students from the same home country and who speak the same native language in the same household. However, for students who speak multiple languages, we cannot guarantee a placement where another student does not speak the same language. For example, a Spanish student, who permanently resides in Spain, with a Spanish mother and German father, will never be placed with a Spanish speaking student, however this student may be placed with a German speaking student.

42. If a student has booked a 'no pets' placement we can guarantee that the initial placement will not have a pet, however, in the case that the student has to move to a different host family, we cannot guarantee that the second placement will also be pet free. Pet ownership is very high in the UK, and this makes it very difficult to move students to pet free placements mid-programme. In the event that a student who has booked 'no pets' placement is moved to placement with a pet, then the supplement will be refunded in full.

43. If a host family is unavailable for a short period of time, their student will be moved to a respite placement (respite placements are always fully vetted Educatus families.) A student in respite may temporarily be with another student who is of the same nationality and who speaks the same native language. Respite placements will not last longer than three weeks in duration for the entirety of the programme.

44. As this is an academic programme, sexual relationships whilst on the programme are strongly discouraged.

45. Students who are 18 upon arrival or who turn 18 during the programme are subject to the programme rules in their entirety.