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ENGLISH CENTRE

Pre-arrival Information - Junior Groups

We are looking forward to welcoming you.

Here is some information which you may find useful ahead of your stay

What to bring

- Spending money (Please note some tourist attractions do not accept cash, contactless payment is preferred)
- UK adaptors for plugs
- A waterproof jacket / coat (thick or thin depending on time of year)
- Any medicines you take
- Some old clothes and comfortable walking shoes or trainers for activities
- A refillable drink bottle
- Swim suit and sun cream

On your first day

On your first day please report to our Junior Centre, 33 St David's Hill, EX4 4DA

Explorer Students (ages 6-10)	Discovery Students (ages 11-17)	Work Trial Students
09.30 Language games and activities to assess English level	09.30 Registration/ Placement / Lessons	09.00 Please report to our Junior School.
11.00 Break	11.00 Break	You will have a short induction meeting and will meet our staff. You will then go directly to your work placement.
11.30 Further activities/ Lessons	11.30 Writing test/ Lessons	If you are following a course with us first you will have the induction meeting at the end of your first week instead. You will then go straight to your work placement on the Monday.
13.00 Lunch	13.00 Lunch	
14.00 Afternoon activity	14.00 Prize Trail A chance for students to get to know the city and to win prizes. Finish by 16.00.	If you are working with food please do not wear fake nails or nail varnish.

Social Programme

The social programme is included as part of your course. You will be given a programme on arrival and a new one on Fridays if you are staying for more than one week. Our junior programmes run as normal on national holidays.

Explorer children need to be signed in and out each day by their host family or group leader. Explorers can be collected at the end of the activities, we can provide lunchtime supervision if required.

Please note: Some activities start earlier than 14.00, please check your programme for information.

Many Devon beaches can be dangerous therefore; students must not swim unless a qualified lifeguard is present.

Studying at the Globe

Our Junior Centre has a common room for break and lunch times. Lunch is not provided by the school. For those in homestay accommodation a packed lunch is provided by their homestay family. For those not in a homestay we recommend that students bring a packed lunch and drink to school with them. Discovery students may leave the school at lunchtime if they wish. There are plenty of shops, cafes and restaurants close to the school. During break times students can enjoy the gardens and eat their lunch outside if the weather permits.

There is free Wi-Fi throughout the school.

Travelling in and around Exeter

Exeter is a small, safe city where it is easy for students to walk to and from school each day.

If you would prefer to travel by bus you can buy daily and weekly tickets directly on the bus. A one day ticket costs around £4 and a one week ticket is approximately £20.

Students placed in host families over 2.8kms from the school will automatically receive a free bus pass from us. Please collect this from Reception on your first day.

Your host family will explain the bus route and bus times. Please ask them, (or a member of staff) if you do not understand or are not sure where to go.

You can find information about local buses here:

<https://www.stagecoachbus.com/>

Exeter and the local area

We are very lucky to be in the city centre of Exeter, only 5 minutes away from the main High Street. There are lots of shops, cafes, restaurants and other amenities very close by. If you would like more information about the local area please visit the following links:

<https://www.visitexeter.com/>

<https://www.visitdevon.co.uk/>

Homestay Accommodation

The majority of our junior students stay with a homestay. This is a great way of improving your English and learning about life in Britain. Here are some general points to help you make the most of your stay.

- You will be living in the family home. This is very different to a hotel. Please remember you are a guest and to respect your host family.
- Try to speak to your homestay about their routine (for example, meal times / times for using the bathroom).
- You will eat evening meals with your hosts. This is a good time to practise your English. Please be on time for meals. If you plan to miss the evening meal tell your family the day before. English food is very different to other cuisines. If there is any food you don't like, please tell them. They want you to be happy and eat well!
- Your hosts will do some light laundry for you on a weekly basis. If you need more than this please ask them politely.
- If you have a mobile phone, please give the number to your homestay and to the Globe. This is very useful in case we need to contact you.

- If you break or damage anything please tell your homestay immediately. We understand accidents happen but honesty and an apology is always appreciated.

- If your homestay gives you a key for the house, make sure you know how to lock the front door. If you lose the key please tell them and us immediately.

Here are some questions that might help you communicate with your family

- What time is breakfast/ the evening meal/lunch at the weekends?
- What time should I get up on school days/at weekends?

- What time are you home on weekdays?
- What is the best time for me to have a bath / shower?
- Do you have Wi-Fi? Can I use it please? What is the password?
- Where should I put my dirty laundry?
- What areas of your home can I use? Are there any rooms I cannot go into?
- What is your mobile number in case I need to call you?
- Can my friends visit me in the evening?

Going Home Times

Explorers age 6-10	Must be accompanied at all times	Families must bring students to and from school every day, and take students to and from all evening and weekend activities
Students aged 11-12	18.00 October-May/ 18.30 June-September	Families must bring and collect students for all evening activities and from Saturday day trips that are time-tabled to arrive after 17.30/18.00
Students aged 13	18.00 October-May/ 20.00 June-September	Families must bring and collect students for all evening activities and from Saturday day trips that are time-tabled to arrive after 17.30/19.30
Students aged 14-15	20.30 October-May/ 22.00 June-September	Families must collect them from evening activities and day trips that are timetabled to finish after 20.00 /21.30
Students aged 16+	22.30 October-May/ 23.00 June-September	Students can walk home after an evening activity

Your group leader may have set a different going home time with the Globe.

Please check your programme.

Please remember our staff are here to help at all times.

If you have any problems or questions, please come and speak with us.

We hope that you have a wonderful stay in Exeter and at the Globe and we look forward to seeing you soon!