

Notes for parents and guardians of students aged under 18 studying at English Path on adult courses UK | Ireland | Malta | Dubai | Canada | Australia | France | Germany

English Path's Head Office is located at 891 Greenford Road, Greenford, London, UK, UB6 0HE. We accept students aged 16 and 17 on our adult programmes at English Path campuses in London Greenford, Leeds, Birmingham, Dublin, Berlin, Brisbane, Dubai, Malta, Paris, and Toronto. Each location adheres to its own Safeguarding Policy, tailored to meet the specific requirements of the respective country. Please note, English Path does not accept students under the age of 18 at our campuses in Manchester and Canary Wharf, London.

English Path's year-round schools primarily cater to students aged 18 and over. While we welcome students aged 16 and 17, it is important to understand that we do not provide 24-hour supervision. Students under 18 will attend classes along-side adults. Parents and guardians must carefully consider whether their child is emotionally mature enough to act responsibly during their stay at our schools.

Please review the following guidance to better understand the level of supervision provided to students aged 16 and 17 enrolled in our adult courses worldwide.

Pre-Arrival and Arrival arrangements

All students under 18 are required to submit a completed parental consent form at the time of enrolment. Applications for students under 18 will not be processed without the signed consent form.

We strongly recommend that parents of students aged 16 and 17 book a return taxi transfer (or an appropriate airport transfer service) to avoid any issues during their arrival or departure from the destination.

Please note that students under 18 are not permitted to study at EP Brisbane on a Student Visa.

Classes

Students under 18 will attend classes alongside adults. They will not be supervised during their free time, such as during breaks between lessons or when traveling between the school and their accommodation.

Social Programme

The social programme at our schools is optional and not specifically designed for students under 18. Some activities may not be suitable for this age group. However, the school aims to offer a range of afternoon and evening activities that are appropriate for under-18s. All school social activities are supervised by school staff who are available to assist participating students. Please note, students attending evening events are expected to arrange their own transportation home. We strongly advise that students under 18 return to their accommodation with a friend or preferably by taxi, particularly after dark and in accordance with the curfew outlined in the parental consent form.

During peak seasons and at certain times of the year, the school organizes full-day excursions to other cities or destinations on weekends. These excursions are operated by external companies. However, we do not sell places on these excursions to under-18s, as we believe these companies do not provide the necessary supervision for minors. Under-18s may only participate in excursions organized by English Path.

Catering

Lunches are **not** included in the fees. All of our schools either have a café on campus or are located very close to restaurants and shops offering tea, coffee, soft drinks and sandwiches, pastries and snacks etc. Most students buy their lunch from the café, supermarkets and take away food outlets that are near the school. Please understand that your child is responsible for his/her midday meals. You should ensure that your child has sufficient money to pay for adequate and nutritious lunches.

Please also ensure your child has money for transportation in and around the city.

Accommodation – UK, Ireland, Canada and Australia – EP London Greenford, EP Birmingham, EP Leeds, EP Dublin, EP Toronto, EP Brisbane, EP Paris, EP Berlin

English Path schools in the UK, Ireland, Canada, France, Germany and Australia arrange homestay accommodation for students aged 16 and 17. Students aged 17 or younger are not permitted to book a course without accommodation or to stay in their own accommodation, unless they are staying with their parents or legal guardian, and this has been arranged in advance with the appropriate documents signed. We reserve the right to inspect any accommodation which is not provided by English Path to ensure its suitable for young students or vulnerable adults. Students aged 16 & 17 on an adult course must book half board homestay accommodation. The school has rules regarding the latest time under-18s can return to their homestay in the evening. This information can be found on our parental consent form.

At English Path, our host families are either provided by an accommodation partner or are recruited directly by English Path. All the host families who host juniors, have valid police checks and both English Path and our providers carry out an enhanced, homestay, child work force check on the household, checking all adults at the address. English Path and our providers encourage their hosts to take an online safeguarding course.

Students aged 16 and 17 cannot stay in a student residence or hotel (without parents/guardian/relative).

Please note: It is the school policy **not** to allow any weekend or overnight stays away for under 18s UNLESS we are informed of this IN WRITING and IN ADVANCE by the student's parents or legal guardian, and only if the student will be in the care of a responsible adult aged over 25 and going to a destination in the country of study. We also need the name, address and contact details of the responsible adult, and the address of the location where the student will be staying. We reserve the right to not allow a weekend or overnight stay away if we think the trip may be unsafe for the child. We do not allow any weekend or overnight stays away for under 18s to any destination outside the city where your son/daughter is studying.

Accommodation - EP Dubai

At English Path Dubai students aged 16+ will be accommodated at our supervised residence. Students aged 16 to 17 are required to book a single studio. Students are supervised in the residence by EP safeguarding staff.

Accommodation - EP Malta

At English Path Malta students aged 16+ will be accommodated at our supervised residence. Students are supervised in the residence by EP safeguarding staff.

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