



CENTRE RULES

To help us run a successful summer centre where each and every child is treated fairly and equally, there are a number of rules that we expect all children to follow. This is part also of our Safeguarding Policy. The rules presented here are the basic rules and will be covered in the student induction on arrival.

Guiding Principle – the safety and security of each child is paramount, and we will act accordingly.

Absence

Children must attend all classes, activities and excursions for which they are scheduled. If a child is unwell then they may be excused but they will have to be looked after in the School sick bay

Behaviour

Children are expected to behave in accordance with the centre rules and the instructions of responsible adults. They should behave courteously to each other and all adults, showing respect and paying attention to their own safety and the safety of others. In accommodation, children should:

- respect their fellow residents and be careful of everyone's health and safety
- respect the accommodation and avoid damaging the furnishings and facilities
- respect the privacy of the hosts and not give out their information or invite guests without their permission
- never be in possession of weapons or replica weapons
- not rearrange the furniture in their accommodation
- not drink or smoke if they are under the age of 18. Other smoking devices (such as e-cigarettes) are also not permitted.
- never cover smoke detectors
- only sleep in their allocated room – this is for fire safety reasons

In class, children should:

- arrive on time for lessons
- not eat in classrooms
- only use phones in class as directed by the teachers
- try to maximise their learning by using English in class

- participate in all learning activities
- do nothing that risks the health and safety of other children or adults
- follow the instructions of responsible adults at all times

Abusive behaviour

The safety and wellbeing of each child is paramount and we expect the full support of all adults and children in ensuring this is so. Abusive behaviour will not be tolerated by any person. Any person found to be behaving in an abusive manner will be subject to the appropriate disciplinary procedure.

Abusive behaviour may consist of, but is not limited to:

- Verbal abuse
- Harassment
- Bullying
- Actual or threatened violence
- Damage to personal property

Internet Safety

We recognise the potential risks that are posed to children on the Internet. The summer centre operates a high level of control on sites that can be accessed. In addition, we will advise all children of these guidelines

- Don't post any personal information on-line – like your address, email address or mobile number.
- Think carefully before posting pictures or videos of yourself. Once you've put a picture of yourself on-line most people can see it and may be able to download it, it's not just yours anymore.
- Keep your privacy settings as high as possible
- Never give out your passwords
- Don't befriend people you don't know
- Don't meet up with people you've met on-line. Speak to a staff member about people suggesting you do
- Remember that not everyone on-line is who they say they are
- Think carefully about what you say before you post something on-line
- Respect other people's views, even if you don't agree with someone else's views doesn't mean you need to be rude
- If you see something on-line that makes you feel uncomfortable, unsafe or worried: leave the website, turn off your computer if you want to and tell a trusted adult immediately.

Respect for different cultures

Our summer centre welcomes people from around the world – who speak different languages, live in different cultures and have different life experiences. Each of these is equally valid and all children and adults should show the same level of respect to each other, irrespective of their background.

Abusive behaviour based on colour, race, ethnicity or religion is not tolerated and will be dealt with through the appropriate disciplinary mechanisms.

Curfews

For the good health, well being and safety of all children we operate an age appropriate curfew policy both for homestay and residential accommodation. The standard curfews are tabled below

Under 14 years of age – not allowed out unless accompanied by hosts or staff

14- and 15-year olds – 21:30

16- and 17-year olds - 22:00

All children to be in their own allocated room at and after curfew. Any child found out-side of their accommodation after curfew will be subject to disciplinary procedure.

Free and Unsupervised Time

An important part of the programme is that the children have and enjoy unsupervised time. This is a privilege and the right to that free time may be withdrawn as part of any disciplinary procedure.

To ensure that children are safe and allowed to enjoy that free time they must always:

- have the emergency number in their phones
- keep their mobile phones charged
- be with at least two other students
- get to their homestay for dinner time

Please remember that more detailed policies and procedures can be found on our website - www.xp-uk.org