

# Information for Parents:

# Students Aged 12-17 Summer 2020

LSI Brighton welcomes students aged 12 and older on to some of its programmes. LSI Brighton is a school which also accepts adult students.

If your child is not 18 years old you they considered a **child** under English law and the school is, of course, responsible for your child while they are on the summer programme with us. This responsibility is called a "duty of care" and the actions and measures we take are called "safeguarding".

Our aim and duty is to make sure your child's stay with us is as safe and enjoyable as possible. This document explains how we supervise children on our programmes and our rules and expectations.

We will ask you to complete a permissions form before accepting your child onto our programmes. This information will help you understand the supervision we provide before you make a decisions about enrolling you child.

# On the first day:

Students will be given a Student Contact Details and Contract form, which will need to be completed and returned to the school office. They must give us a working mobile number on the first day. Please ensure they will be able to fully use their mobile phone in the UK.

#### Our rules for students aged 12 - 17 years of age:

- 1. Students must attend school every day and all classes. They must be on time.
- 2. If students are sick and cannot come to school, they must telephone the school or ask their host to telephone the school. They must do this before 09.00 every morning. They can call +44 1273 722 060 or send an SMS to +44 7593 371 388. Parents can also contact us.
- 3. Students must be at home for dinner with your host every day unless they have permission from the school.
- 4. If you are going out, please tell your host where you are going and what time you plan to return. Most of our evening social and cultural activities end at approximately 21.30-22.00 and Saturday excursions arrive back in Brighton at approximately 20.00.
- 5. Students are not permitted to leave Brighton and Hove without the permission of the school. Parents should email LSI their permission and details of any trip. They can only go if the school agrees the plan is safe and realistic. For students aged 12-15 we do **not** normally give permission.
- 6. Students should wear their LSI Badge in school and on activities and excursions. Students must always carry an LSI numbers card at all times. This has our emergency number on it.
- 7. Students should carry your mobile telephone and make sure it is switched on at all times, except when they are in class or sleeping. Please supply your child with a power bank so their

phone does not run out of battery. If students do not answer calls from the LSI numbers we will discipline them and may send them home.

8. Show appropriate respect for all school staff and obey instructions. If they do not do so, we may have to send them home.

#### **Social and Cultural Activities**

9. We have an "opt out" systems for activities on weekdays from Monday – Friday. "Opt out" = not attend an activity. Students must inform the school if they wish to opt out of any activities by lunchtime each day,. They cannot opt of of evening activities later than this.

Age	Afternoons – maximum number of "opt outs"	Evening – maximum number of "opt outs"	Weekends	Curfew (time to be back at accommodation)
12-14	1	0 (must attend OR stay in accommodation)	No opt outs	-
15	1	1	No opt outs	21.00
16-17	2	2	No opt outs	22.30

STUDENTS in groups – opt outs are the decision of your group leader

Students who do not respect the opt out rules will have all activities made compulsory or say at home with their host.

10. **Travel home after social and cultural activities: students aged 16-17** For students aged 16-17 we will sometimes supervise travel back to a place close to their host family, and we will always ensure they are on the correct bus. All students must know which bus service to use and which bus stops they should get off at. For some students living where there are less frequent bus services in the evenings we will organise taxis from some or all activities.

Students are expected to go home after activities are finished.

11. Curfews may seem early but they are set specifically to ensure that students have access to regular public transport to ensure they are able to get to their host families before the buses become less frequent.

#### Our Staff – Who can students speak to?

If students have any problems or questions during their stay please see the school office. We will make sure they can talk to the correct person.

We have a team of Activities Leaders who organise the social activities programme.

#### What else can we help with?

**Valuables** – we can keep passport/identity card, cash or any other valuables in the school safe. Please see the school office.

**Money** – If students run out of money please speak to the school office. Parents can make "instant" payments to LSI and we can provide money to students.

**Problems with a host family** – Please speak to the Accommodation Staff.

**Illness** – Please speak to the school office. We can arrange for students to see a doctor if needed or give you advice about what to do.

#### The law and under 18's in the UK:

Students are not permitted to purchase alcoholic drinks or cigarettes in the UK. It is also illegal for other people to purchase alcoholic drinks or cigarettes for you.

Most nightclubs in Brighton and Hove have a strict 'no under 18's' rule.

## **General Health and Safety:**

Brighton is a safe city and one of the top destinations for international students in the UK. Students should, however, be careful and use 'common sense'. Brighton is the same as any other city or urban area, so always be careful about your personal safety and possessions.

- It is not a good idea to walk around alone at night. We advise students to walk around in groups of 2 or 3. They should always use buses or taxis (see numbers below)
- Always be vigilant. Keep bags close by especially in busy areas and on the beach.
- Do not walk along wearing expensive headphones or using an expensive mobile telephone.
- If students get lost call us or call a taxi telling them the street name. The taxi numbers are +44 1273 202020 and +44 1273 204060.

#### **Emergency services:**

Emergency service numbers in the UK are **999** or **112**. This number is free from any telephone (mobile, landline or public phone).

- The operator will ask if students need the Police, Ambulance or Fire Rescue.
- Tell them the place or address where the incident has happened, what the incident is and
  who has been injured and what the injuries are. If they are not sure where they are, use the
  112 number. The emergency services can then use GPS to find you.

### **Medical Help:**

Please speak to the school office or call the emergency who can help students with medical 08.00 – 20.00. There is also an out of hours telephone service: 0845 456 5420. You must inform us if you go to the Doctor or Hospital.

The school has a 24 hour emergency telephone number +44 7593 371 388.

If you need help in the case of emergency please call this number.