

Coronavirus Guide for Host Families

Our responsibilities We are responsible for keeping you and your student safe and healthy. We will update students, host families, agents and schools in the event of any change to SEE's normal procedures.

Advice and information We will monitor and follow government guidelines closely. We will also seek advice from the governing body AEGIS. For the government's current advice, please see <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Arrivals will happen as normal. Student will arrive near your home by National Express Coach or, in exceptional cases, by taxi. Your student will have to follow the current travel guidance and restrictions. You can check them here: [Travel guidance](#)

Household Your student becomes part of your household as soon as he / she moves in.

Self-isolation If your student needs to self-isolate, this means they cannot attend school, see friends, leave the house. They can only exercise in the house or garden. They should stay at a safe distance from members of their host family, but it is accepted that this is not always possible. Under current guidelines, host families *don't* need to self-isolate even though your student is in quarantine at your house. For up-to-date government information, see here:

Living with coronavirus Please help your student with sticking to the UK's coronavirus guidelines. In their home country, coronavirus guidance may be different. It is important that your student understands what he / she can and can't do in the UK.

Schools Schools are currently requiring students to complete a lateral flow test twice a week. Tests are provided by school or your local pharmacy. Please assist your student if they need help, and remind them to test regularly. Test results must be reported here: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

Every school has its own Covid policy. School will inform your student what the rules are. During school closure periods, your student will receive distance learning timetables and tasks from their school. Most students will have their own devices such as laptops or tablet computers. Where this is not the case, or if you struggle with your internet connection, please speak to school. They may be able to offer assistance.

Key Workers: If you and your partner are key workers and cannot work from home during school closures, please make sure your student is comfortable with staying on their own during the day. They should be able to organise their own learning, cope with the technology and keep themselves fed. If this is not possible, please ask school for a key worker child place for your student.

Clubs and Activities: Most clubs and activities have reopened. They may require special safety measures. Where clubs and sporting facilities are shut, there may be alternative online activities. Your student could join the library and take out e-books and audiobooks. Or they could attend your local church's or youth club's online activities. Check the websites of clubs and centres for online activities.

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SEE Visits We will still conduct visits to host families and meet with their students. Depending on government advice, these visits and meetings may be conducted via video conferencing tools (WhatsApp, FaceTime, Zoom, Google Meet etc).

Suspected coronavirus infection If you or your student display symptoms (fever, persistent dry cough, loss of smell and taste), the entire household needs to follow the rules for self-isolation. Contact NHS 111 online (<https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>) for further advice. You can get tested for Covid-19 for free (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-an-antigen-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>).

Please inform us if you, your student or a member of your family has tested positive or if your student has to miss school due to self-isolation. Please also inform the school if your student has to stay away.

Relocation If you cannot host your student due to health concerns, let us know as soon as possible. We will find a new family for the student. Please see the clause “termination without breach of contract” in your hosting agreement.

Early Departure If your student decides to leave the programme early due to the pandemic, we will support them until they have left the country. Please also see the force majeure clause in your hosting agreement.