Arrival and First Day - Young Learners

LONDON

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AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Students must arrive on Saturday and depart on Saturday between 08:00 - 20:00, otherwise an extra transfer fee will apply.

Information regarding arrival time, flight number, airline, name of airport and terminal number must be sent to EC Head office at least seven days before the student's arrival. If this information does not reach us within the stipulated time EC London will not be responsible for providing airport transfers to the student and will not offer any compensation to students who have not been collected because of this.

EC STAFF

EC employs a number of Social Leaders and Customer Service Officers specifically for the Young Learner Summer Programme. These benefit from a rigorous in-house training programme. Their role is to ensure that students have an enjoyable and safe stay and provide constant support to International Leaders.

STUDENT ARRIVALS

Students are met in the Arrival Hall by an EC representative holding a sign with the school logo ("EC London"). If students cannot find the EC representative at the airport, they should call the EC emergency number and wait by the airport information desk. It is also vitally important that if students miss their connection to the UK, they call the EC Young Learner emergency number to inform EC that they have been delayed.

Students are then taken either to meet their host family or directly to their residence. Please note that Saturday arrivals to Heathrow/Gatwick airport between 08:00 - 20:00 will be grouped in taxis, therefore students can expect to wait up to 2 hours before departing from the airport.

WELCOME PACK

Students will all be given a Welcome Pack, containing a map with directions to the school, and important information such as the time they need to be at school on their first day.

Homestay students will receive their Welcome Pack at their homestay and Campus students will be given theirs on campus. The Welcome Pack for Day Programme students will be sent to their accommodation, provided that the address is given to EC pre-arrival.

FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL

On Sunday students must arrive at school by 09:45 am latest. All students must present their passport/ID on arrival at the school on their first day as proof of identity. The first day at school will be as follows:

EC London North Homestay programme
Sunday
09:45 Arrival at the learning centre
10:00-10:15 Welcome talk
10:15-11:45 Testing
11:45-12:00 Lunch break (packed lunch provided by your host family)
13:00-15:00 City Orientation
15:00 Spend the rest of your day with your Host Family
EC Campus - St Margaret's programme
Sunday
09:45 Arrival at the learning centre
10:00-10:15 Welcome talk
10:15-11:45 Placement test
11:45-12:00 Lunch break
13:00-15:00 City Orientation
19:30-22:00 Welcome party

Any student unable to attend their first day on Sunday should arrive at the learning centre on Monday by 08:30 (08:45 - 09:00 Welcome talk, 09:00 - 10:30 Placement test, 10:45 - 12:15 Lessons, 14:30 Orientation tour - 19:30 Join fellow students for film night).

WELCOME TALK

The students will be given a welcome talk by the Academic Department where timetables, lessons and academic information are explained. The Programme Manager will then go through and explain the leisure programmes and activities.

PLACEMENT TEST

When students arrive at school they sit for a placement test which assesses their grammar & vocabulary. Speaking and listening skills are also assessed. The test takes about 1.5 hours to complete and its purpose is to help the school place students in the appropriate class at the right level. This will allow the students to make the most of their time and help the teachers plan the lessons according to the students' linguistic needs.