

Procedure for Travel with Overnight Stays with your Host

During your course at Weymouth College, your Homestay Hosts may invite you to accompany them when they go away for a number of nights, for instance over the half term holiday.

If you are 18 years when you arrive or you become 18 during your visit, different rules apply according to the agency that arranged your visit. Please ensure you have confirmed with us the rules related to your agency before planning an overnight stay with your host.

If you are 16 or 17 years old, and 18 years old if this is a rule of your booking agent, you will need to complete a 'Visitor Travel Form' on our website with details of the overnight stay. **We need this as soon as possible but at the latest 1 week before you intend to stay over with your hosts.**

This is because all the Homestay Hosts accommodation we use have been assessed and verified by us as being safe and suitable for hosting, but when you stay in accommodation that we have not assessed, we cannot guarantee it is safe and suitable for hosting. We therefore have a responsibility to ensure that your parents are aware of the details of the trip and the overnight stay and give permission for you to accompany your Homestay Hosts.

These requirements are needed for **all** overnight stays with your hosts.

Procedure for Travel with Overnight Stays with your Host - Requests

Step 1:

Your hosts confirm that they know you are going to stay overnight with them, where and when, by WhatsApp to +447877089917. You tell your parents/guardians about your host's plans to include you on a trip with overnight stays away from Weymouth.

Your parents/guardians confirm that they know you are going to stay overnight with your hosts, where and when, and provide us with their Photo ID and a copy of their signature, unless we have already received them.

Both the confirmation and documents from your parents can be sent to Jennie and Sue at HS&VB by email homestayandventurebreaks@protonmail.com or WhatsApp +447877089917.

Step 2:

You complete the online form including **all** the requested information at least **1 week** before the trip.

Step 3:

On receipt of the form, we will consider your application based upon:

- Your age
- The dates and length of your trip and/or overnight stay
- Your destination
- Your journey plans
- Your travelling companions
- The place where you will stay
- The trip being considered suitable, in line with our Safeguarding Policy and Procedures

Step 4:

If we have concerns about some aspect of your plans, we will discuss them with you before making a final decision.

If we agree your request, we will send it to the Agent you booked with (if this relates to you) for their agreement. If/when they have agreed, we will confirm to you that we have all we need by WhatsApp. We will also thank, in writing, your parents/guardian, your Homestay Host, and your Agent (if appropriate).