

Procedure for Independent Day Trips

During your course at Weymouth College, you may want to plan an independent day trip.

We consider a 'day trip' to be a trip to any town or city which you can travel to, and return from, returning to your Homestay by 10pm in the week (only if college is closed that day) or 11pm at the weekend.

We consider 'independent' to be any trip where your Homestay Host or another responsible adult does not accompany you.

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 independent day trip.

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 independent day trip. **We need this as soon as possible but at the latest 48 hours before the event takes place.**

This is a legal requirement as neither your host nor we can take responsibility for you during that time, therefore your parents/guardians will need to acknowledge and give permission for independent day trips.

We will require details of anyone who is making the trip with you, for instance, a friend from college.

These requirements are needed for **all** independent local day trips.

Procedure for Independent Day Trip Requests

Step 1:

You tell your Homestay Host and your parents/guardians what day trip you would like to take. Your hosts confirm that they know you are going on a day trip, where and when, by WhatsApp to +447877089917.

At the start of your stay your parents/guardians provide us with their Photo ID and a copy of their signature giving their permission by email for you to go on an independent day trip. If they agree to you going on **any** day trips, we will need their permission before your first independent day trip request – **and it means we will only need their permission for 'Independent Day Trips' once at the start of your stay.**

If your parents have not sent a permission email covering **all** your day trips, you must obtain their permission for each day trip you request.

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 **48 hours** before the trip.

Step 3:

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

- Your age
- Your destination
- Your journey plans
- Your travelling companions
- 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).