

Covid Secure Notes for Students

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The health and safety of our students, staff and visitors is our main priority. We will be scrupulous in applying all the recommendations and guidance issued by health authorities at our centres. On this page you'll find all the health safety and hygiene measures we have implemented at our sites. Our full risk Covid risk assessment is available on request.

The government has published the '[COVID-19 Response - Spring 2021](#)' setting out the roadmap out of the current lockdown for England. This explains how the restrictions included in this guidance will be lifted over time.

From 12th April 2021 some of the rules on what you can and cannot do in the UK have changed: The following shops and services are now open:

- Non-essential retail
- Personal care premises such as hairdressers and nail salons and public buildings, including libraries and community centres.
- Indoor leisure facilities such as gyms
- Most outdoor attractions and settings including outdoor hospitality venues, zoos, theme parks, and drive-in cinemas.
- Self-contained accommodation such as campsites and holiday lets, where indoor facilities are not shared with other households
- Hospitality venues will be allowed to serve people outdoors although customers must order, eat and drink while seated ('table service').
- Wider social contact rules will apply in all these settings to prevent indoor mixing between different households.

Later changes, including from 17th May are set out in the [roadmap](#).

What we will be doing at the school:

Hygiene and Cleaning

We have implemented increased cleaning regimes at our sites particularly in areas of potential high transmission.

There are hygiene stations throughout the school fully equipped with antibacterial hand gel, wipes, cleaning spray and paper towels so that students can regularly clean their hands and any personal equipment.

Students and staff will be reminded to regularly wash their hands and posters are displayed throughout the premises to remind students and staff of the importance of this.

Masks

Masks will now be required at the school wherever social distancing and good ventilation cannot be delivered. Masks are not required within accommodation settings. Face coverings do not need to be worn by students when outdoors on the premises. Masks are also required in the UK in all shops, cafes and on all public transport. There is a £100 fine for non-compliance. We will provide masks for students who don't bring their own but we would advise students to bring a supply.

Accommodation

Host families have all been trained and sent guidance notes in advance of their students arrival regarding our increased expectations around cleanliness and hygiene. Hosts will treat students as full members of their household and social distancing will not be necessary inside the home. Hosts will be providing antibacterial hand gel and will ensure appropriate soap is available in all bathrooms within the home. Hosts will be cleaning more frequently particularly in areas of high transmission such as door handles and shared eating areas.

In the Classroom

Classrooms will be set out to ensure social distancing advice can be adhered to. Wherever possible students will be supported to maintain a 2 metre distance from each other and staff. Students will be expected to wear a mask in their classrooms. Teachers will ensure the doors and windows are opened to provide plenty of ventilation. Teachers are well trained and aware of the safety measures required and will provide enough equipment so students do not have to share any materials. Classroom activities will be as fun and engaging as ever but teachers will be careful not to undertake any activities which might compromise effective social distancing.

Social Distancing

Our school in Bournemouth is a large space with multiple entrances and exit points enabling us to set up a one way system around the school. Signs and posters will guide students and staff and remind them of the need for social distancing.

Our reception area has been moved to our large bistro so students will easily be able to maintain social distancing whilst accessing all the information they need to enjoy their stay.

Social Programme

Our popular social programme will run as normal but will be adapted to the current circumstances. Activities will take place outside where the weather permits or in our large main hall where it is easy for students and staff to maintain social distancing. Our supervision staff have been carefully trained to ensure they follow current government guidance around safety measures for example ensuring that students do not share any equipment and that all equipment is cleaned between each use. Our social programme has been adapted to ensure we are remaining in compliance with the government guidelines.

Testing

All students and staff will be offered a test on site on a weekly basis using our free lateral flow tests. These tests will be administered by the students themselves but full support will be available for those who need it. If a student tests positive they will need to self isolate at their accommodation for ten days. During their self isolation students will be able to access the course online if they wish. Asymptomatic students can order for free extra rapid lateral flow test on the following link:
www.gov.uk/find-covid-19-lateral-flow-test-site

If a student shows symptoms:

If a student should start to display Covid symptoms whilst on site the school will act in line with its risk assessment on this subject. The student will be cared for in a separate well-ventilated room. Arrangements for [self isolation](#) will be made with an appropriate host family or accommodation provider. Online lessons will be offered and in some cases a refund will be appropriate. If a student shows symptoms whilst at their accommodation they should not attend school but inform us by phone and should follow the [NHS guidance on self isolation](#) and book a free test with the NHS (www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test)

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Any student who has been in close contact with them does not need to go home to self-isolate unless they develop symptoms themselves (in which case, they should arrange a test) or if the symptomatic person subsequently tests positive or they have been requested to do so by NHS Test and Trace.

Before starting your course at Europa School of English, you will be asked if you have been in contact with a person who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or have had any symptoms for the last 14 days if you answer yes to either of these questions you will need to self isolate before starting your course.

If you have please contact our office at info@europa-school.co.uk or info@internationalprojects.com. You will be asked to confirm this on arrival at the school.