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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.

From the 19th July the UK Government has decided that England will move to step 4 of the roadmap. This means that:

- You will not need to stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with. There will also be no limits on the number of people you can meet.
- However, in order to minimise risk at a time of high prevalence, you should limit the close contact you have with those you do not usually live with, and increase close contact gradually. This includes minimising the number, proximity and duration of social contacts.
- Meet outdoors where possible and let fresh air into homes or other enclosed spaces.
- The Government is no longer instructing people to work from home if they can. However, the Government expects and recommends a gradual return over the summer.
- The requirement to wear face coverings in law will be lifted. However, the Government expects and recommends that people wear face coverings in crowded areas such as public transport.
- There will no longer be limits on the number of people who can attend weddings, civil partnerships, funerals and other life events (including receptions and celebrations). There will be no requirement for table service at life events, or restrictions on singing or dancing. You should follow guidance for weddings and funerals to reduce risk and protect yourself and others.
- There will no longer be restrictions on group sizes for attending communal worship.

COVID-19 has not gone away, so it's important to remember the actions you can take to [keep yourself and others safe](#). Everybody needs to continue to act carefully and remain cautious.

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 be required at the school when social distancing or good ventilation is not available but not during lessons or when moving around spacious areas where social distancing is possible. Masks are not required in accommodation settings. Face coverings do not need to be worn by students when outdoors on the premises. The requirement to wear face coverings in law has been lifted. However, the Government expects and recommends that people wear face coverings in crowded areas such as public transport. We will provide masks for students who don't bring their own but we would advise students to bring a supply. Spare masks will always be available at the school.

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. Most of our host families are fully vaccinated (those eligible) and in some cases hosts have allowed us to share that information with you prior to your arrival. We are unable to share medical information with you unless the host has consented.

In the Classroom

Classrooms will be set out to encourage social distancing. Wherever possible students will be supported to maintain a distance from each other and staff. 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 practice 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 within the tier 4 guidelines so some activities may be adjusted slightly to comply.

Asymptomatic Testing

If a student wishes to take a Covid-19 test while in the UK they can take a rapid lateral flow test. The school has a few of these tests available and they can also be collected locally from a testing site which we can help with. The student would take that test themselves. If a test comes back positive the student would then have to self isolate at their accommodation and we will arrange for them to take a PCR test (this test will be at the students expense cost £120.00)

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](#).

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, please make sure that you have not been in touch with a person who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or have had any symptoms for the last 14 days. You will be asked to confirm this on arrival at the school.