



MyEducation (UK), Trading as WEP, Student Behaviour Code of Conduct

Statement

This Student Behaviour Code of Conduct outlines the positive behaviour it expects from students. It also provides information about specific laws in the UK. The aim is to provide guidance in key areas of *MyEducation (UK)*'s expectations. The guidance is written for the benefit of students, parents, agents, staff and host families.

MyEducation Rules

While on the programme you will have a variety of rules to follow from different people. You will have to follow family rules, rules from the school, rules from your parents and rules from MyEducation. They will be expected to follow all of the rules and we hope that there are no contradictions!

Main Rules

- Students must abide by the laws of the UK.
- **Students should not use or be in possession of illegal drugs.** You can get a fine or prison sentence if you take drugs, carry drugs, make drugs or sell, deal or share drugs. If you are under 18, the police are allowed to tell your parent / guardian / carer that you have been caught with drugs.
- **Students must not purchase and/or drink alcohol.** It is illegal to purchase or consume alcohol if under the age of 18.
- **Students should not smoke, vape and/or purchase cigarettes.** It is illegal to purchase cigarettes under the age of 18.
- **Students should not engage in sexual activity, even if they are over the age of consent.** In the UK the age of consent is 16. That means that it is illegal to have sex with someone under the age of 16.
- **Students are not allowed to get a tattoo or body piercing.** In the UK, it is illegal to tattoo a young person under the age of 18, even if they have parental consent. There is no legal age of consent for body piercing, and so it is legal for someone under the age of 18 to have a piercing as long as they have consented to it. Children under the age of 16 cannot legally consent to a genital (or in the case of girls, nipple) piercing, as it is considered to be indecent assault.
- **Students are not allowed to purchase or keep upon their person, a weapon of any sort.**
- **Violence/harassment/sexual misconduct/ bullying of any sort will not be tolerated.**
- **Students are not permitted to stay overnight in their local area without the permission of their host family.**
- **Students will not be permitted to stay overnight in the home of a person they are in an intimate relationship with.**



- **Any overnight stay out of area must be in the company of a known adult over the age of 25.**
Travel release forms are required if travelling for an overnight stay out of area and will be subject to the discretion of the MyEducation staff. Please see 'Permission for Students to Travel' section for more detail.
- **Students and their natural parents should keep communication to a minimum in order to allow students to focus on their schoolwork and participate in activities and interact with their host family.**
- **Students should not upload pictures of their host families, homes, teachers, or classmates on social media without their prior permission.**

Host Family Rules

- **Students must show respect to their host families and act as a member of their host family.**
- **Students must obey host family rules including rules for using the phone, laptop, tablets etc.**
- **Students must be open and honest with their host family about all things.**
- **Students must help their host family with household chores.**
- **Students are not permitted to talk about the host family's private affairs to other people.**
- **Prior permission of the host family must be obtained before inviting friends to the host family's home or going out with friends.**
- **If you have arranged activities with friends and are going out for the day without your host family, you must remain in contact with them regarding your whereabouts, times of travel and arrival home.**

School Rules

- **Students must follow the school rules.**
- **Students must attend school daily and complete all homework and assignments.**
- **Students must follow the dress code of the school properly and participate in lessons.**
- **Students must maintain a strong academic and social level at school.**
- **Students are required to attend school unless a serious illness prevents them from attending.**
Only a host parent, Local Representative or MyEducation staff member can contact the school to advise of illness on behalf of the student.
- **Students are expected to sit all exams that their school are willing to enter them into. (This is not a full list of rules, your school will provide you with their own rules)**

Behaviour

If you are found to be breaking the rules or causing disruption at school or in your host family home, MyEducation and your Local Guardian will issue you with a warning about your behaviour. This will be in the form of a Warning Letter and a copy will be shared with your parents and the school.

In serious situations, such as arrest by the police or expulsion from school, MyEducation will cancel your Guardianship arrangement and you will be returned home.

If you are expelled from school, you will lose your visa and must return home immediately.

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Behaviour and conduct when staying with a Host Family

MyEducation (UK) expects all of their students to be polite and courteous when interacting with anyone they come into contact with. In the UK, it is expected that you say “please” and “thank you” when asking for and receiving items. Your host family is not a hotel and the expectation is that you will be included as part of the family. As such, you will be expected to engage with family members, joining them at mealtimes, and helping with chores such as laying the table. Your host family will explain their own house rules with you when you arrive. Please do ask them if you have any questions.

Use of the kitchen area

Most host families will prepare meals for you (breakfast, lunch and dinner). You may want to help the family in their meal preparations or cook something yourself. Please do talk to your host family about this and they will advise you how to use the kitchen and the necessary safety rules. If you have your own food that you wish to eat during your stay, please let your homestay know so that this can be stored safely (for instance in a fridge if required). You should not store food in your bedroom. You will be able to access drinks and snacks throughout the day, such as fruit or biscuits. Your homestay will explain how you can access these. Some food will not be available for you to access as you wish, because the food may be required for use in the planned meals for the week.

Use of the bathroom

Students are asked to be respectful of the family routines. If you are sharing a bathroom, please be considerate with the time taken to shower and bathe as others may need to use the facility. Please leave bathrooms tidy. Some families may have limits on the amount of hot water available each day due to their boiler capacity. Please discuss the best times for showering or taking a bath. It is not usually necessary to shower or bathe more than once a day. Students should shower or bathe at least once every 48 hours. Please ensure that you lock the door of the bathroom when in use and ensure that you are suitably clothed when travelling to and from the bathroom.

Use of the wi-fi and host family computer

Students will have access to Wi-Fi within their host family home. Students should be aware that some families do not have unlimited data allowances, so streaming and downloading may not be possible. Students must not access any sites which are not suitable for use by a minor and must follow the rules of the host family regarding Wi-Fi access and times of use. Students should have their own computer and should not use the host family computers / tablets etc.

Arrangements when Students wish to travel in the local area

All students will be required to gain permission for any local area excursions from their host family. They will decide if the activity is suitable and safe, and you will need to tell them:

- Where you will be going;
- Who you will be with;
- When you will be home:
- How you will travel.



If you host family is not happy with the plans that are being suggested, permission will either not be given for you to go out or you will need to change your plans to meet the requirements of your host family. The MyEducation team or Local Guardian are always available to give advice if a host family is unsure if something is suitable. MyEducation has no set curfew for students as this would be assessed based on the activity that a student is involved in.

Some students might be restricted from some activities / excursions if their parents have said that certain activities are not allowed.

Arrangements when Students wish to stay away from the host family

Students are not allowed to travel away from the local area and spend a weekend in another area of the country. Rules about staying away from the host family home are:

- **Local sleepovers with friends** – will be allowed, as long as an adult is present overnight. Students must plan ahead and speak with their Local Guardian about the plan to stay with a friend. The Local Guardian will then speak with the host family to confirm permission and will speak with the adult who will be responsible for you while staying overnight.
- Students are not allowed to stay overnight with anyone that they are in an intimate relationship with.
- **School or local group trips are allowed** – Local Guardian can sign the permission forms to approve these trips. MyEducation should be notified of these trips so that we know the location of the students.
- **Students are not allowed to spend a weekend away without adult supervision.** They are not allowed to travel to London for example and stay away overnight. Trips like this must be done under the supervision of an adult, over the age of 25. Students must complete a Travel Release form with details of the trip and then consent must be received from the parents, Local Guardian and MyEducation staff.
- **Students can visit family or friends across the UK**, but they must complete a Travel Release Form to confirm details of the travel and the trip must be approved by the parents, Local Guardian and MyEducation staff.