

Information for parents/guardians enrolling students aged 16 or 17

Please note all 16 and 17-year-old students enrolling on a course at United World School of English will be treated as adults. Students under 18 (16 and 17) will regularly mix with students aged 18 or over in the classroom and during social activities and excursions. Students under 18 are required to wear a yellow lanyard in school at all times so that they can be clearly identified by teachers and other staff members. They are also required to sign in and out every day.

All students at United World receive high-quality tuition in the classroom and outstanding support from our staff throughout their experience and, wherever possible, an additional level of care is provided to students under the age of 18.

Enrolling under 18 students

- As under 18-year-olds are not yet considered adults by UK law, United World must receive a completed and signed Under 18 Consent Form for all under 18-year-olds enrolling on a course.
- This form is mandatory and must be completed, signed and dated by a parent / guardian and returned to United World prior to the start of the student's course.

Airport Transfer service for under 18 students

- United World arranges airport transfers on request. **We strongly advise that all under 18 students use this service to ensure safety on arrival and departure.**
- A United World representative will meet the student at the arrival gate of the airport. All our representatives work for contracted taxi firms. They undergo thorough employment checks including DBS and will carry ID with them at all times.
- If you do not require this service, written consent must be given to the school with clear information regarding how the student will travel to and from the airport.

Homestay accommodation for students under 18

- We have paid special attention to our homestay accommodation service, so families and homes that we have inspected and selected, guarantee students a comfortable and welcoming stay while they are in Bournemouth.
- All homestay families used by United World for under 18s have undergone DBS checks to ensure their suitability.
- United World Will always try to place students who are under 18 with families where other students, hosted by that family, will also be under 18.

- It is United World's duty of care to ensure that any student under the age of 18 receives adequate meals on a full board basis. If your child does not require full board and you are happy to provide them with sufficient funds to buy lunch, you are required to show this in writing and inform us of the alternative arrangements.

Social programme and excursions and unsupervised time

While the school regards the safety of under 18 extremely important, please be aware that when students do not come in an organised group, United World does not take responsibility for students' behaviour and actions outside of their lesson times at school. Where students come to United World privately, no provision is made for them outside lesson times.

- Students at United World are offered a weekly social programme throughout the year. Some of these events are free and any fees to events and activities are always clearly stated. Please ensure the student has enough funds to cover activities they may wish to join. All social programme events are supervised by United World staff.
- United World also arranges weekend excursions to cities and places outside London through a reputable travel company.
- Please authorise on the Under 18 Consent Form if you would like the student to book onto activities and excursions, which will include over 18s, arranged by United World or a travel company approved by United World. Students under 18, who wish to participate in such activities and have parental consent, will be identified to the organiser/leader.

Medical care

United World has First Aid qualified staff available on site, Monday to Friday.

- United World can also help students arrange visits to a doctor if required.
- United World can only seek medical treatment for a student under 18, if we have received a signed Under 18 Consent Form.
- **It is highly recommended that children are covered by insurance. Even if you are an EU member, some fees will not be covered.**

Spending money

We strongly advise that students do not carry large amounts of cash.

Flights

- Some airlines do not allow under 18s to travel without an adult. As airline policies regarding young travellers change frequently, you must check the current guidelines before booking any flights.
- Please book flights in good time to ensure that under 18s will not travel at unacceptable and possibly dangerous times, for example, very late at night.