

FAQ – HomeStay

What age are your students?

Our students are age 13+, we have no upper limitation on age, but we do take host preferences regarding age, gender, and diets into consideration when allocating students.

From September – June, a majority of our students are aged between 17-30 years old. In July and August we have predominantly junior students aged between 13-17 years old, because we run our Junior Summer School programme for 6-7 weeks during this time.

Where do your students come from, do they speak any English?

Our students are mostly European with varied levels of English within each group.

Our top 3 popular nationalities are Spanish, German and Czech.

How long do they come for?

A majority of our stays are “short stays” which are 2-4 weeks in duration.

We do have a small number of long stays each year – between 3 – 9 months.

Do I have to be home 24/7 to entertain them?

No, Our students are always either on a placement programme or on a linguistics programme. Hosts of students that are on a linguistics programme which includes activities are provided with a digital copy of the students timetable on the first day of their programme

Host responsibilities:

- Provide meals each day: breakfast (continental style), packed lunch* and evening meal (the evening meal should be a sit down meal together where possible)
- Spare room – comfortable with some storage space for the students’ belongings
- Laundry access
- Provide a warm welcome and make the student feel comfortable – students are here to experience the local culture and practise their English.
- Pick up and drop off on arrival/departure days (within the city) and drop off on first day of course.

*packed lunch is for full board students. Board basis is confirmed prior to student arrival.

How many students can I host?

Hosts can have up to 4 students per household if they have the space. Each student must have their own bed and sufficient space for keeping their belonging.

Room types: Single beds, Twin beds, Bunk beds, Double beds (1 person) all fine

There may be limitations to the number of students of the **same nationality** that you can host at certain times of the year. For example, during July and August, we can place no more than 2 Spanish students per homestay.

Do I have to drive them everywhere?

No, Students will all have their own local transport cards and will commute to and from school/activities/placement each day by public transport.

We would request the following pick up/ drop offs:

- On Arrival – meeting the student from the bus and going to your home together
- On the first day of their course/welcome meeting – to show the student to Foyle International
- On departure – to ensure the student gets to the bus timely and safely either by driving or organizing a taxi (covering the fare)

What if there is an emergency outside of working hours?

Our hosts are supported with 24/7 access to Foyle staff for emergency issues and are available 9-5pm Monday to Friday for non-emergency issues and queries.

Rates and Payments

Payments are made Fortnightly (unless the students stay less than 2 weeks), the first payment is on the first working day 2 weeks after the students arrival.

For more information about payment rates, please email accommodation@foyle.eu or contact us on 02871371535