



# **STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

## 1. Introduction

All of us at Weymouth English Centre want all our students to stay safe and have a happy time in Weymouth. Some things will be different in England to the countries our students come from. A school needs rules and guidelines to help students stay safe. The points below will help you get the best out of your time in Weymouth.

## 2. Your homestay

1. Every family has rules. You are a guest in the homestay and must also keep to the rules of the house.
2. Your homestay will tell you what time you must be home for the evening meal. Please always come home by this time.
3. If you want to bring other students back to your homestay, please ask your homestay first.
4. Please do not make telephone calls from your homestay's telephone: use your mobile phone or a public telephone.
5. Talk to your homestay. Don't come home and go straight to your room: your homestay will like talking to you and you will get a lot more from your time with them. It doesn't matter if you make mistakes with your English; your homestay will be happy that you try.
6. You must be at your homestay by 22:00 at the latest each night.

## 3. Safety

1. On your first day at school, you will get a WEC ID-card. Please keep this with you at all times: it has important contact numbers on it – and you will need the card for some of the activities.
2. If you have a problem, call one of the leaders – the names and numbers are on your ID card.
3. If you have an emergency, call the emergency number on your ID card.
4. If there is an emergency and you need an ambulance, the police or fire brigade, call 999 or 112. You should also call the WEC emergency number.
5. Remember: we drive on the left. When you cross roads, look right, then left and right again.
6. When you cross the road at a junction you must stop and let the cars go first. In some countries cars must wait for you, but in England you must wait until the road is clear.
7. In the evenings, try to go home in small groups rather than alone. Never go with a person you don't know and who isn't a teacher or leader at the school. WEC teachers and leaders always have a WEC ID card with them.
8. You should go home after the evening activities. Our leaders will take you to your bus stop. You must be at home by 22:00 at the latest each evening.



9. For your own safety, please do not go on the beach or near the railway station after the evening activities or after 21:15 on any evening.
10. If you wish to leave your homestay for activities which are unsupervised - i.e. outside lessons and the organised activities and excursions - you must ask you for permission first from your group leader. You must then tell your hosts where you will be going; who you will be with and what time you will be home. Provided your group leader and host family are happy with the arrangement, you may go out locally but must not leave Weymouth or Portland. In every case, you must be back home by the time stipulated by your homestay and by 22:00 at the latest.
11. Never get into a car, except with someone you know from your homestay.
12. Do not talk to anyone at the college who has not got a Weymouth College or WEC ID card.
13. Never go anywhere with people you do not know.
14. Swimming is only allowed when the rescue team is there. There are red and yellow flags on the beach when the rescue team is there: we will show you on the town tour. You may only swim when there is a yellow flag. There is a red flag when it is dangerous to swim: you must not swim when there is a red flag.
15. Do not swim out far: the water can take you away from the beach faster than you can swim.
16. The sea comes in and goes out at different times each day. Be careful if you walk along the beach – when the water comes in you cannot get past some points and the sea can trap you.
17. Please do not feed the seagulls (birds) at the college: they might attack you.
18. You do not need to carry your passport or identity card in England: please leave them at your homestay so you don't lose them.
19. Bring some warm clothes with you in the evenings; even if it is warm when you leave the house, it can get cold later.
20. Please bring a drink and some sun cream with you, especially when it is hot and/or you go on an afternoon or day trip.
21. Always go to the meeting point for the activity on your programme. Don't follow other students: we have different meeting places and times for different activities.
22. There will be fire drills at the college. The teachers and activity leaders will show you where to go if a fire alarm rings. Please walk quickly but don't run.
23. Each day, just take with you the money/ bank card with the money you need for that day. Leave the rest at home in a locked suitcase.
24. Always keep your bag(s) with you: do not leave them on the beach or in the park when we have sports, for example.



25. If anyone hurts you, bullies you or does anything that hurts or offends you, please talk to a member of the WEC staff (teacher, activity leader, etc.).
26. Don't go outside Weymouth or Portland except with WEC's activity leaders or your homestay.

#### 4. Please Do ...

1. Follow what the teachers, activity leaders and other staff ask you to do: they are looking after your safety and interests.
2. Speak English
3. Get to your classroom on time each day.
4. Have access to your activities programme on your phone each day.
5. Get to the meeting places on your programme a few minutes before the time on the programme. If you come late, you will miss the activity and will have to do something else in a classroom.
6. Be friendly, kind and respectful to everyone.
7. Wait in the queue at bus stops, shops and everywhere you see them. The British love queues but they don't like people who don't use them.
8. Put your litter in litter bins – at school, in town, etc. If you don't, you may have to pay a fine (money).
9. When you are in town, always leave room for other people to walk past or get into shops, etc., especially when you are in a group.
10. Accept other people and do not treat them differently because they come from a different country, are a different colour, have a different religion, etc.
11. Look after friends and other students.
12. People in England say 'please' and 'thank you' much more often than in some countries. If you forget to use these words, people will think you are being rude.

#### 5. Please Do Not ...

1. Smoke, get or drink alcohol or take any drugs or illegal substances. This is breaking the law: you could have trouble with the police; we would tell your parents and you could be sent home.
2. Have a knife or any weapon with you. This includes BB guns and any toy guns. You can be arrested by the police and sent home.
3. Steal from anyone or from shops. You can be arrested by the police and sent home.



4. Use bad language or fight with anyone. If you have a problem, speak to a leader or other member of staff.
5. Play any ball games at college: this is not allowed.

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