

Student Behaviour Guidelines

Introduction

At OPDS we expect all students to be well behaved and polite during their time in the UK. This behaviour should be displayed with all school staff, peers, guardians, agents, host families and others with whom they interact.

Students are ambassadors for their family, school and country and should be reminded of their responsibilities and the expectations placed upon them.

Policy Rules

The OPDS policy is constantly under review. The key components of it include the following:

- Students and their parents have signed the school Terms and Conditions when accepting a place at a school. The school, therefore, has a right to expect the student to adhere to these terms and conditions and school rules at all times.
- OPDS takes every opportunity to remind students what is and is not acceptable by British law and custom.
- OPDS acts as an educational consultant between the school, student and family to bridge the cultural gaps and ensure understanding between all parties.
- When notified by the school of a disciplinary issue, OPDS will ensure that the student and family understand the reason for this. OPDS will also offer advice on the best way forward to resolve the situation.
- We advise all students that they must not leave school under any circumstances during term time without written permission from the school.
- We advise students to attend all lessons on time unless a valid reason excludes them for that day (sickness etc). Repeated failure to attend lessons will result in disciplinary action by the school and can, in exceptional circumstances, lead to their visa being revoked if they fall below the minimum level of attendance stipulated.
- Students should have no involvement with alcohol or drugs at any time. This includes tobacco and vaping. It is illegal for persons under the age of 18 to purchase cigarettes, vaping equipment or alcohol. UK law also restricts smoking in all forms in enclosed public places.
- We make students aware that, if they are staying with a host family, it is the responsibility of the host family to report back to OPDS as soon as possible if these rules are violated.
- While staying with a host family all rooms should be kept to a safe, clean and hygienic standard.
- Students should not bring friends home without the agreement of the host family and never invite anyone to stay overnight in their bedrooms.
- During their stay, students should pay due respect to the host family and abide by their 'house rules'. This includes any curfew arrangements and meal times.

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- Students should make every effort to avoid losing or damaging the property of the host family. Where loss or damage has occurred, compensation will be negotiated for replacement.
- Use of Wi-Fi must be in a respectful manner and only with prior knowledge and permission from the host family. Please also refer to our E-Safety Policy.
- Regarding sexual activity, tattoos, piercings and hair dye we ask you to please refer to the school's rules and remember that these were agreed to and signed by parents when accepting the offer of a place.
- When staying with one of our host families students are not permitted to engage in any form of sexual activity and we ask our hosts to report back to us should they suspect or know that any has taken place. Should it become necessary we will not hesitate to involve the LADO for that area and/or the police.

Where a student wishes to stay away from their homestay

Occasionally, an OPDS student for whom we are Guardian may wish to stay outside a nominated OPDS host family. Although this is not recommended, parents do sometimes insist.

Under these circumstances, OPDS issues a letter to the parents to sign, pointing out that OPDS cannot accept responsibility or liability for that period when the student is not under the direct care of OPDS.

If OPDS have reason to believe the behavior of the student does not meet our expectation as instructed in our Guardian Service Agreement, OPDS has the right to terminate the agreement and will notify the student's school and parents in writing immediately, stating the reasons for our action.

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