



Notes for Parents and Guardians of students under 18
St Giles Year-round Schools UK | Canada

Please note that for Vancouver the age of minority is 19.

St Giles year-round Centres primarily cater for students over 18 years old. Whilst we welcome students over 16 (and over 14 at St Giles Eastbourne, Highgate and Vancouver), it should be understood that we do not provide 24 hour supervision and therefore it is very important that parents and guardians consider whether students under 18 (or under 19 for Vancouver) are sufficiently emotionally mature to act responsibly during their stay at our centres.

- Students under the age of 18 will study in classes with adults.
- Students under 16 can take courses at our Eastbourne and Highgate centres in the UK, and at our centre in Vancouver, and must book one of our junior host families. All students under 18 years will be accommodated in homestay where the main carer will have had an enhanced DBS (Disclosure & Barring Service) check and other adult members of the household will have signed a Children's Act declaration (in Canada, a Criminal Record Check).
- Your child will travel between the school and the host family unsupervised.
- Your child will not be supervised during their free time, e.g. between the end of their lessons at the school and returning to their homestay.
- The schools have designated times for students under 18 years old to return to their homestay in the evening. This information can be found on our parental consent forms which will be provided by our school office at the time of booking.
- The school's social programme is not compulsory, nor is it specifically designed for this age group. Certain activities are not suitable for students under 18. The school does aim, however, to provide a number of evening activities which are suitable for under-18s. All school social activities are supervised by school staff who can assist the students attending the activity. However it should be understood that students attending evening social events are expected to arrange their own travel home. We strongly advise all students under 18 to return to their host family with a friend, or preferably by taxi, particularly when it is dark. You can see examples of the social programme on our web site at www.stgiles-international.com/student-services/social-programme/.
- The Eastbourne and Highgate centres take bookings for full-day trips on Saturdays. These are organised by an external company. Students under the age of 16 are able to go on selected **Saturday** excursions and will be accompanied by a supervisor arranged by the school. Students must stay with the supervisor throughout the trip. Written parental permission is required before bookings can be made for these trips.
- You should ensure that your child has sufficient money to pay for lunches at the school, and for transportation in and around the city. For guidance, you can view our Student Budget guides on our website at <https://www.stgiles-international.com/student-services/student-budget>

- All students under the age of 16 entering the UK or Canada, **MUST** have a return airport taxi transfer, unless they are travelling with a named relative. We strongly advise students aged 16-18 to do the same, to avoid any problems upon arrival. All students under 18 must bring a completed parental travel consent form with them. This is available on our website or from the school office upon request when booking.
- Many airlines require children under the age of 16 to be escorted to the check-in desk at the airport on their return home. Please check if this is a requirement of your child's airline. We can arrange an assisted check-in – **there is an extra charge for this service**. Please contact the school office for further information.
- St Giles endeavours to liaise with parents, guardians and registered agents whenever there are concerns about a student under 18.

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