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About Young Learners

Young Learners is a trusted global leader in immersion language with over 30 years of experience in delivering rewarding English language programmes for young learners.

At Young Learners we provide a truly life-changing experience for students from all over the world.

Working with global centres and schools from around the world, we have navigated through many years, challenges, and joys.

Learning English is only part of the journey. Our language programmes are available during the summer and include a wide range of exciting activities, culturally rich excursions and immersive language learning.





Welcome to Downe House

This prestigious boarding school is nestled within the picturesque Berkshire countryside. With both a rich history and an association with academic excellence, Downe House provides an enchanting and historical environment in which to learn.

Surrounded by rolling hills and charming woodlands, Downe House is only a short journey from the historic market town of Newbury. Boasting the perfect blend of classic features and modern facilities, this location provides a truly immersive setting for young learners.





The Centre Manager is responsible for the smooth running of the centre as well as inspiring, motivating, and leading the entire school of staff, Group Leaders and students. Our Centre Managers are chosen for their experience, professionalism, and personalities.

Welfare Manager (WM)

The Welfare Manager leads the welfare and safeguarding within centre to create a safe and healthy environment for students, Group Leaders and staff. The Welfare Manager is the go-to person for welfare, safeguarding and administration issues or concerns in centre. In some centres, they will also be the lead Hall Manager who is responsible for accommodating all clients and staff according to regulatory guidelines and best practice.

Hall Manager (HM)

The Hall Manager is responsible for the efficient management of all facets of accommodation in centre; this includes allocation (to regulatory standards of welfare), damage inspections/reporting and accurate record keeping of occupants.

Activity Manager (AM)

The Activity Manager is responsible for all aspects of the activity programme. Group Leaders must meet with the Activity Manager at least 2 times a week to discuss the programme. They will also be able to help arrange optional excursions and make additional bookings if required.

Assistant Activity Manager (AAM)

The Assistant Activity Manager helps the Activity Manager with all aspects of the activity programme, ensuring the on-site activities are inspiring, dynamic and enjoyable. The Assistant Activity Manager also assists the Activity Manager with the excursion itineraries.

Activity Leader (AL)

The Activity Leaders are responsible for leading and supervising activities and excursions, as well as motivating and engaging students to create an inclusive environment.

Director of Studies (DOS)

The Director of Studies is responsible for running the academic programme and ensuring the teaching and learning components of the programme are delivered to the highest possible standard.

Teacher

The teaching staff are responsible for planning and delivering communicative based lessons that are fun, informative and engaging. Some centres will also have an Academic Administrator who splits their time between teaching and providing academic support to the teachers and Director of Studies.

Night Supervisor

The Night Supervisor is responsible for the security, supervision, welfare and discipline of students overnight and is on call in case of any emergency.

Pre-Arrival



Clothing

You will be participating in daily on-site activities and off-site excursions, so we recommend that you bring comfortable clothing, a hat and walking shoes. We also recommend that you bring party clothes, appropriate for student discos. Due to the unpredictability of the weather, bring an umbrella, rain/wind-proof jacket, sunglasses and sun protection (cream, spray, lotion). A secure bag/backpack and a travel wallet are also advisable.



Emergency information

You should save important numbers and key contact details for your centre in your mobile phone.
For added security, it is highly recommended that you keep a copy of any essential information in your purse/wallet in the event of an emergency. Please refer to all emergency contact information provided in your arrival pack.



Everyday essentials

Toiletries, washing and sanitary essentials, a toothbrush and toothpaste, a towel, a hairbrush/comb, a hairdryer, sleepwear, socks and underwear, glasses and contact lens equipment (if needed), a reusable water bottle, plastic bags for wet items, and a laundry bag.



Prescription medication

If you take prescription medication, please make certain that you pack enough for your stay. It is important to pack your medicine in its original packaging in case you are questioned by UK Border Force. We also recommend you bring a note from your doctor stating that any medication has been prescribed to you and is essential. On arrival at your summer centre, please inform the Welfare Manager of your medical needs.



Technology

Bring a mobile phone with access to mobile data and WhatsApp installed. Should there be an emergency upon your arrival to the UK, having a phone can help with swift problem solving. In centre your Group Leader and the Welfare Manager may need to contact you and relay vital information. Bring the relevant charges with you along with plug adaptors and it may also be handy for you to pack a power bank.



Electrical appliances

The standard voltage and plug in the UK are 3 pin, 13A, 220V-240V. If you bring electronics such as hair dryers, cell phones, computers or other equipment please bring the appropriate electrical adaptor.



Hand luggage

We recommend you pack these items in your hang luggage luggage in case you need them while you're travelling:

- Passport
- Student Visa (if required)
- Medical waiver form (if under the age of 18)
- Emergency contact form
- Money



What Not to Pack

Young Learners can only guarantee the carriage of one suitcase and one small piece of hand luggage for transfers. If you anticipate that you will need to bring more than one suitcase, please let us know in advance. We provide bedding (bed sheets, pillows etc.), and we recommend that you do not pack expensive electronics/valuables, a travel iron, or too many clothes.



At the Airport

Who will the student meet at the airport?

If you are travelling as a group you will be met on arrival by one of our Transfer Representatives, who will welcome you to the UK. The airport team will be wearing green Young Learners branded t-shirts, so you can easily recognise them. The airport team will accompany you to your coach but do not travel with you to your summer centre.

If you are an individual student, you will be met by a driver from one of our transfer partners, who will drive you directly to your summer centre. Individual students who have paid for an unaccompanied minor service will be met by one our Transfer Representatives.

What should students do if they cannot find the Young Learners representative?

If after 10 minutes you cannot find any Young Learners staff, you can call the Young Learners transfer emergency number +44 7771 845983 (from the information desk or your mobile phone).

What should students do if they have missed their flight, or the flight is delayed?

You should notify Young Learners by calling the Young Learners transfer emergency number +44 7771 845983

Average journey times to and from Downe House are:

Heathrow Airport: 1 hour 15 minutes **Gatwick Airport:** 1 hour 45 minutes **Stansted Airport:** 2 hours 30 minutes

Luton Airport: 2 hours

Kings Cross St Pancras: 2 hours 15 minutes



At the Centre

Arrival Procedure

On arrival at your summer centre, our team will welcome you. Before you are allocated a bedroom, we will need to conduct some administrative tasks to register and help orientate you to your new surroundings.

If you are travelling as part of a group, your Group Leader will receive a welcome pack with your programme, a welcome letter from the management team, lanyards, student ID cards and a choice of optional trips that are offered by your summer centre.

Departure Procedure

You must check out of your room by 09:00 and return your keys to the centre office on departure day. If your departure is not scheduled until later in the day, we will be able to safely store your luggage until you depart.

About Downe House

Age: 10–18

(18 year olds accepted as part of a group with a leader)

Dates: 7 July – 11 August

Arrival & Departure Day: Sunday

If students would like to arrive or depart on a different day, please confirm with our booking team.

Accommodation Features



Size of the centre

Medium



Room Facilities

Wardrobe, Bed Linen, WiFi, Room Cleaning





Communal Dining Room, Communal Lounge, Free WiFi, Laundry Facilities, Meeting Point, Security,



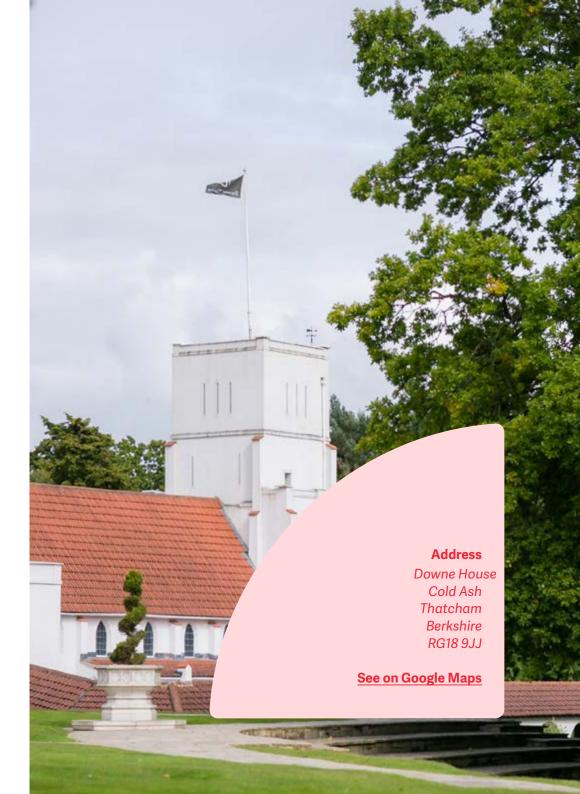
Room Type

Twin/Triple/Quad Standard Rooms



Bathroom Type

Shared Bathroom (4 students per bathroom)



Accommodation Deposit

Damage deposits of £30 or €40 are payable in **cash** by all students on arrival at the centre. This money will be returned at the end of their stay subject to any damages caused.

Cleaning

Rooms and communal areas are cleaned once a week.

Laundry Facilities

There are laundry facilities available on site.



Wi-Fi

Wi-Fi is accessible across the campus and in the accommodation. Please speak to your Centre Manager regarding access codes.



Sport Facilities

Downe House offers both an indoor sports centre and outdoor playing fields.

Security

Provides a night supervisor to ensure additional safety during the evenings.

Cash

Please note that the centre is mostly cashless. Cash is only required for optional activities and room deposits.

Linens and Towels

Bed linens are changed once per week. Bath towels are not provided.

Social Spaces

There are communal spaces available in the boarding houses for students to relax.

Meeting point

Students will be shown where the meeting point is when they arrive

- Always listen to the time and place
- ✓ Always be on time
- ✓ Never go off alone
- Always wear your
 Summer student ID card



Meals

Downe House offers full board accommodation, and we make sure that our students have the right nutritional balance. We provide suitable meals to help you stay healthy, focused, and energised. All our programmes include a variety of hot and cold meal items.

We can cater towards most dietary requirements if we are informed accurately and well in advance to allow our catering suppliers sufficient time to prepare.

All meals are provided in the dining hall during the mealtimes outlined below. On the weekends, a packed lunch is provided.

Students should clear away their food trays at the end of their meal.

Meal Times

Breakfast	07:30 - 09:00
Lunch	12:30 - 13:30
Dinner	18:30 - 19:30

Breakfast

Continental breakfast including juice, toast, cereal and fruit.

Lunch

A minimum of 2 options available, including a vegetarian option.

Packed Lunch (provided at weekends):

Water, fruit, sandwich, crisps, and biscuits/cakes.

Dinner

A minimum of 2 options available, including a vegetarian option.





Local Transport

Students are expected to:

- Always stay with their group
- Pay attention when getting on or off buses
- If they get lost, ask transport staff or a police officer for help
- Always carry their ID card with them
- If they get separated, try to stay where they were last seen

Road Safety

Be alert! Remember that in the UK vehicles drive on the left side of the road. Always look right, then left and right again before crossing. Always use pedestrian crossings and wait until it is safe to cross the road.

Bank/Post Office

ATMs are available on excursion locations.

Post Office: Cold Ash Post Office, Cold Ash Hill, Cold Ash, Thatcham, RG18 9PH – approximately 30 minutes' walk from the campus.

Currency should be exchanged whilst on excursions or out in central London.

Due to the working hours of the post room, we ask that you do not get deliveries made to the summer centre as there may be delays in receiving your parcel. If it is essential for a parcel to be delivered, please speak to the Centre Manager. All post is received internally by our hosts who process and deliver it to our summer school office on site.

Please be aware that bank notes and coins have been updated over the last few years in the UK. Our centre team will not be able to accept old bank notes or coins but can advise on how to change them.



Hospital/Doctors

Local Doctor

Thatcham Health Centre, Bath Road, Thatcham, Berkshire, RG18 3HD, +44 (0) 1635 867171

Local Dentist

Dental Art Clinic, 118, Bath Road, Thatcham, Berkshire, RG18 3HH,

+44 (0) 1635 863644

+44 (0) 1256 473202

Local Hostpital
Basingstoke and North Hampshire
Hospital, Aldermaston Road,
Basingstoke, RG24 9NA,

There are several pharmacies located nearby and our team at the centre have links with local doctor's surgeries.

First aid trained staff are available on site.

Fire Drills & Safety

It is a requirement that residential centre fire drills must take place. During the fire drill, you should leave all your belongings behind and evacuate the building as quickly as possible.

Fire Evacuation

- Leave quickly when the alarm sounds
- If you discover a fire, sound the alarm
- · Warn others close by
- Go to the assembly point immediately
- Do not run
- · Do not try to fight the fire
- · Do not use the lifts
- Do not go back to your room to collect things

Curfew

Evening curfew is 22:30 and you must be in your accommodation by this time and in bed with lights off by 23:00.

Language Programme

- ✓ 20 x 45 minute lessons per week morning or afternoon
- ✓ Placement test on day 1
- ✓ Approximately 17 students per class
- ✓ All lessons delivered in spacious, well equipped classrooms
- Curriculum with emphasis on communication skills
- Materials included as well as an end of course certificate



First Day at school

There will be a student induction at school on their first Monday. This is led by Young Learners staff. Students will be provided with information about the centre where they are staying, and Young Learners rules and regulations will be explained. The induction will last an hour and will be an interactive session, encouraging new students to discuss the rules, meet new friends and have their speaking assessed by the academic team.

After the induction, students will have a placement test. It includes a multiple-choice grammar test and writing test.

Level Placement

Students are placed according to the results of the placement test, their age, and an acceptable nationality split. The teachers confirm that they are in the right class on the first two days of school and if they aren't they will be moved accordingly.

If students think that they are not in the right class, they can and discuss it with the Academic team.

Student Welfare We place the highest priority on care and supervision at all our Young Learners Summer centres so you can rest assured students are well looked after. Members of staff are available 24 hours a day.

Student Code of Conduct

Young Learners is committed to promoting a learning environment that reflects the values of respect, dignity, honesty, integrity, tolerance, equality and diversity. We expect students enrolled at Young Learners to behave in a mature, respectful, and cooperative manner at all times. Teachers, administrative staff, and students all contribute to creating a positive learning environment in the classroom and on campus.

Students are expected to:

- → Respect Young Learners staff, teachers, fellow students, and their property and behave in a responsible manner
- Avoid language or actions that might harm or damage another person at the school
- Identify themselves when asked by an Young Learners staff member
- Attend class regularly and arrive on time in accordance with the Attendance Policy
- ✓ Help and create a productive learning environment during class
- ✓ Put away mobile phones in class when asked to do so
- Avoid actions that might damage the school environment or break local and/or national laws
- Avoid littering by putting rubbish into litter bins both inside and outside of the school building
- ✓ Be respectful of people entering / leaving the building or walking on the pavements outside the building
- Speak English only in the school, including classrooms hallways, offices and student lounges

Excursions & Activities

A large part of a summer school experience is exploring the local towns, larger cities, and famous attractions with new friends! Two thirds of the student experience is spent out and about, away from the classroom and therefore Young

Learners has spent many years tailoring its programmes in each location to maximise the whole student adventure. We recognise that the excursions and activities are as important as the English language classes.

All our programmes include a variety of full day and half day excursions, and students also have the opportunity to take part in additional trips (known as optional excursions) if they want to explore the locality further.

When not out on excursions, we also offer our students a wide range of activities to enjoy. These activities vary differently from centre to centre and are very much dependent on the facilities available to us, but in general we always try to include a range of sporting and non-sporting events as well as larger, whole school,

evening activities such as discos, karaoke and cultural quizzes.

Our activity programme is designed to ensure that students maximise their opportunities to mix and meet with other students from all over the world in a less formal setting than a classroom, that they continue to use their English language outside of the classroom and that, most importantly they remain healthy, happy and have a fun experience!

Below are a few examples of the places we may visit as well as activities carried out at Downe House.

Half Day

Newbury: with a market dating back to Anglo-Saxon England offering an array of goods from fresh produce to handmade craft, this vibrant hub is where locals and visitors come together to enjoy a delightful shopping experience with a touch of local charm.

Reading: Reading is the county town of Royal Berkshire, situated in beautiful countryside in the heart of the Thames Valley, with the Rivers Kennet and Thames running through the town. Approximately halfway between London and Oxford, Reading is a vibrant University town, with an interesting history and plenty of modern facilities.

Basingstoke: a charming town in Hampshire, England, Basingstoke is home to the Willis Museum and Sainsbury Gallery. This cultural gem offers a window into the area's rich history, art, and heritage.

Museums:

- · Natural History Museum,
- · Tate Modern
- · Reading Museum
- · British Museum
- · Imperial War Museum
- · National Maritime Museum
- · Science Museum
- · Victoria & Albert Museum
- · Willis Museum
- · National Gallery
- · Tate Britain
- $\cdot \, \text{National Portrait Gallery} \\$







Full Day

London: Visit this exciting capital city and take a walking tour of central London and visit the National Gallery.

Oxford: Home to the world's oldest university, where we'll visit a famous college.

Bath: A traditional and charming city, Bath is teeming with elegant Georgian architecture and rich history. Experience the world-famous Roman Baths and enjoy the array of independent shops.

Brighton: A vibrant, popular seaside resort with beautiful architecture, home to the Sea Life Centre.

On-Site Activities

Examples of on-site activities offered at Downe House:

- · Treasure Hunt
- · Karaoke
- · Egg Drop
- · Trashion Show
- · Film Night
- ·Disco
- · Photo Scavenger Hunt
- $\cdot \, \mathsf{Marshmallow} \, \mathsf{Challenge} \,$
- · Fox and Hounds
- · Kahoot Quiz
- · Human PacMan
- · Culture Club
- · Football
- · Basketball
- ·Volleyball

Optionals (with added cost):

Hampton Court Palace: With its 500 years of royal history and set in sixty acres of world-famous gardens the Palace is a living tapestry of history from Henry VIII to George II. From the elegance of Privy Garden to the domestic reality of the Tudor Kitchens, you are taken back through the centuries to experience the Palace as it was when royalty was in residence.

Winchester: a historic city in England, boasts two iconic landmarks that draw visitors from around the world. Winchester Cathedral, a masterpiece of medieval architecture, is a place of worship and a repository of centuries of history and art. The Great Hall, part of Winchester's medieval castle, houses the legendary Round Table of King Arthur.

Thorpe Park: Home to thrilling rides, attractions & live events, Thorpe Park Resort is the ultimate destination for thrill seekers featuring some of the UK's most popular roller coasters.

Windsor and Windsor Castle: Visit the oldest and largest inhabited castle in the world and has been the family home of British kings and queens for almost 1,000 years.

Milestones Living Museum: Step back in time and explore the rich heritage of Hampshire through interactive exhibits and engaging displays. It's a fun and educational destination for all ages.

Warner Bros. Studio Tour: Experience the magic of the Wizarding World of Harry Potter, explore iconic sets & discover what it took to bring the Harry Potter films to life at Warner Bros Studios



Sample 3 Weeks Programme

The programme is for illustrative purposes only and is subject to amendments or alterations

WEEK 1	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	Arrivals/Departures On-site Activities	Grimsbury Castle Walk On-site Sports	Lessons	Full day trip: London with Westminster walking tour and visit to the National Gallery	Half day trip: Newbury Market and Shaw House	Drama Workshop On-site Sports	Full day trip: Brighton with walking
Afternoon	Optional: Winchester with visit to Winchester Cathedral and The Great Hall	Testing/ Induction			Lessons	Lessons	tour and visit to The Royal Pavilion
Evening	Welcome Games On-site Activities	Egg Drop	Welcome Disco	Film Night	Culture Club	Themed Disco Big game bingo	Talent Show

Academic

Leisure

Cultural

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WEEK 2	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	Arrivals/Departures On-site Activities	Testing/ Induction	•	Full day trip: London with visits to the Science Museum or Natural History Museum and Hyde Park	Lessons	Lessons	Full day trip: Bath
Afternoon	Optional: Windsor and Windsor Castle Walk to Co	Walk to Cold Ash On-site Sports	Lessons		Lessons	Mini-olympics	with walking tour and Roman Baths
	Welcome Games On-site Activities	Photo Scavenger Hunt	• Welcome Disco	Multi Sports	Lip Dub Video Making	Capture the Flag	Quiz Night

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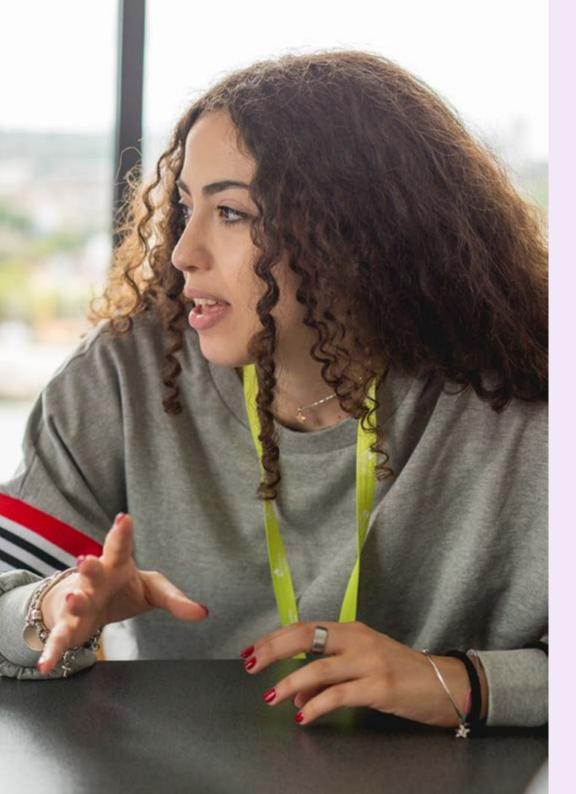
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WEEK 3	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	Arrivals/Departures	Walk to Hermitage On-site Sports	Lessons	Full day trip: London with Westminster walking	Half day trip: Reading and Reading Museum	On-site Sports	Full day trip: Oxford with walking tour and college visit
Afternoon	On-site Activities Optional: Thorpe Park	• Testing/ Induction	Lessons		Lessons	Lessons	
Evening	Welcome Games On-site Activities	Outdoor Football Tournament	Welcome Disco	Kahoot Quiz	• Murder Mystery	Themed Disco Tresure Hunt	Capture the flag

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Individual Students

Students who are not part of a group will be assigned to an Summer Guardian group, living on site. The ratio is usually between 10-15 students per group.

Students and their Guardians communicate via WhatsApp and through daily meetings.

Students can always refer to their Guardians if there are any problems which need to be discussed or if they require any support.

Nationality Mix

Young Learners has a truly global nationality mix with students coming to our centres from over 85 countries around the world.

This is what enhances the student experience in terms of learning English, personal development but most importantly having the opportunity to make new friends around the world.

FAQs

What happens if someone loses their passport?

We strongly advise that students store their passports safely and passports are not carried around with them. If a student's passport is lost, Group Leaders must accompany the student to the embassy of their home country, where they will be issued with a temporary replacement or a permit to travel. A Young Learner staff member will accompany any student that is not part of a group.

What happens if a student gets lost on an excursion?

The first thing to do is stay where you are, and the member of staff will try to contact the student and get to know the student's location. Then, a member of Young Learners staff will come and collect the student.

Every student has an ID Card where the Young Learners Emergency Number is printed. Students should call this number if lost.

How do students participate in on-site activities?

Individual students will take part in all activities and excursions, which are provided to them before their arrival, explained during the welcome meeting once at the centre, and advertised on the Activity Noticeboards.

Group Leaders can sign their own group out of activities, but this needs to be discussed in advance with the Young Learners staff.

Can students lock their room?

Yes. All students are issued a key on arrival which provides entry to their residential building, their flat and their room. However, the Young Learners management team have a master key that can access the accommodation in case of emergencies.

Can students be taken off programme by a member of their family?

Students can be taken out of the programme by an adult for a short period of time, as long the centre gets informed in advance. If a person, who is not a parent, takes a student out of the programme, a parental approval via email must be sent prior to the student's pick up.

The adult, who takes the student away, will be asked to fill in a form where personal details and contact number must be provided. Copy of the original ID of the adult will be taken at the centre.

What should we do if there is a problem with a bedroom?

All the bedrooms are checked prior to the students' arrival. However, if at any time, there is a maintenance issue it is essential to report this immediately to one of our Young Learners residential members.

What to do if a member of the group has food allergy/dietary requirements?

Young Learners needs to be informed in advance, and it is important to provide with accurate information. The centre catering staff are very experienced in catering for all kinds of allergies or dietary requirements, so we will be able to meet your needs.

What happens if a student is sick?

If a student is sick and needs medical attention, then the Young Learners office will help in making appointments etc. Please note however that it is not usual for a doctor to visit the centre directly and any trips made to the doctor, dentist or hospital will have to be paid for

by the student (including transport where necessary). Students with a Group Leader will be accompanied by the Group Leader.

Damage deposit

Damage deposits of £30 or €40 are payable by all students on arrival at the centre. This money will be returned at the end of their stay subject to any damages caused. For groups, deposits will be communal and used to cover damages when a group/individuals in a group are responsible.

Insurance

If a student does not have insurance, guard. me insurance is available to purchase through Global in Mexico. https://www.guard.me/

Damages

Damages must be paid for.
All rooms and common areas are regularly checked for damages, and individuals who cause damage to any property on the site will be liable.

Important Information

UK Country Code: 44
Int. Direct Access Code: 00

Time Zone: GMT

Useful Numbers

Emergency 999
Police 999
Ambulance 999
Fire Brigade 999

Dates and Tuition fees:

Dates in 2025: Jul 7, 14, 21, 28

Duration: 2 to 4 semanas **Ages**: 10 to 18 years **Global Processing Fee**: \$4,000.00 Mexican Currency

* Young Learner's Prices including accommodation and meals:

2 weeks £1,068 + Other services £1,602 = Total £2,670

3 weeks £1,524 + Other services £2,286 = Total £3,810

4 weeks £1,978 + Other services £ 2,967 = Total £4,950

Approximate airfare: \$1,900.00 USD Subject to availablity until the reservation is made and payment is completed. Does not include "Unaccompanied minor service" by the airline.

Form of payment: In Mexican currency at the day's rate when payment is made.

For more information and applications:

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^{*} Prices subject to change