

Guardians

COVID-SAFE Charter

All educational guardians who have adopted the BSA Covid-Safe Charter confirm that they will comply with all government rules and guidance and will meet the following requirements when international students return to the UK*

*In the case of any discrepancy, protocols from official government bodies take precedence

Prior to receiving students, guardians will ensure that their host families or staff in other quarantine locations will

- Conduct a thorough clean of all indoor environments, including shared areas, bedrooms, kitchens and bathrooms
- Decide on any regular testing procedures and advise students and parents accordingly
- Evaluate and adapt any health care procedures to ensure compliance with the recommendations of public health bodies
- Not accept students if the host family have symptoms, have tested positive or have been in contact (within the last 14 days) with anyone who has
- Provide a suitable single bedroom with private bathroom or, where the bathroom is shared, ensure it is cleaned between after each person's use
- Be trained by the guardian on all current Government guidelines regarding Covid-19.

Before departure from home the guardian will

- Contact each student and their family to explain arrangements and answer any questions.
- Liaise with the school, student and host family regarding all aspects of the eventual return to school
- Confirm the arrangements for collecting the student from the point of arrival in the UK and for transport to the host family or other quarantine location, as well as quarantine procedures
- Provide each international student and parent with a letter on agency-headed paper confirming those arrangements in line with sponsor requirements
- Provide international students and parents with emergency contact details which includes a 24 hour out-of-hours service while any student is travelling.

Upon arrival in the U.K. the guardian will

- Ensure the student is met by a named person who is aware of, and follows, appropriate social distancing guidance
- Ensure that the named person wears a face covering at all times when in proximity to the student in enclosed areas, especially in vehicles unless screens are provided
- Ensure that the journey to the host family or other quarantine location is direct, that the vehicle contains sanitiser and suitable wipes, and that any required toilet stops are conducted in accordance with relevant safety guidelines
- Depending on the length of journey, provide the student with suitable food and drink and ensure that packets, bottles and containers are sanitised before use.

Upon arrival at host family or other quarantine location

- Ensure all routines and safety arrangements, which have been previously notified in writing, are fully explained to students
- Encourage the student to contact home shortly after arrival
- In a host family, explain fire routes out; in a quarantine location, explain the fire evacuation procedures and conduct a drill soon after arrival
- Ensure the student has an opportunity to discuss their fears, worries and concerns with a trusted adult.

The host family or other quarantine location will

- Conduct regular temperature checks of all students, family members and any visitors to the host family and (in other quarantine locations) all staff
- Require appropriate social distancing
- Guarantee availability of soap and disposable paper towels in all bathrooms
- Require regular hand washing by students and other family members
- Provide hand sanitiser
- Provide students with the opportunity to raise any concerns directly or to the guardian
- Ensure laundry procedures are clear and safe
- Ensure appropriate PPE for staff (in other quarantine locations)
- Implement enhanced daily cleaning procedures
- Allow students to wear masks or face coverings
- Display clear notices explaining procedures (if in other quarantine locations)
- Ensure safe occupancy levels of all communal areas
- Ensure that the student does not leave the residence for 14 days
- Inform the guardian immediately if the student or any other member of the family (or staff if in other quarantine location) becomes unwell during that time
- Isolate and care for the student in the host family or other quarantine location if they do become ill.

