



***INFORMATION FOR  
LIVERPOOL  
HOST FAMILIES***

## **WELCOME TO SOUTHPORT INTERNATIONAL**

### ABOUT US AND OUR STUDENTS

We established our Language Company in 1999 and have centres in Southport and Liverpool.

We bring students to our centres almost every month of the year.

Students are mainly from Spain, Italy, France and Russia,

The 3 directors are John Griffiths (Griff), and Dave and Karen Mitchell

Jenny is the Local area co-ordinator for Host families and students in Liverpool for the start of Spring.

Jo is the Local area co-ordinator for Host families and students in Southport and Formby, and also for Liverpool after mid-Spring.

Your coordinator is happy to help you as she has many years of experience and can offer support and advice especially to new host families, but please contact your student first if you just need to know what time they finish one afternoon for example.

## WHEN WILL I GET ANY INFORMATION ABOUT STUDENTS?

The Local Area coordinator will have visited your home and approved the facilities you offer. She will then send you some student details.

This information is usually available a month or so before arrival

## WHERE WILL I COLLECT MY STUDENT?

The local Area co-ordinator will contact you by text/wattsapp/call to let you know how their journey is going. You will come to meet your student at the arrival. This will usually be somewhere central for all the families or the main train station.

## WHAT FURTHER INFORMATION WILL I BE GIVEN AT THE ARRIVAL?

Your local area coordinator will give you

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- a list of common foods translated into their own language

- a travel form for you to complete for the first time they travel home alone.

- your own copy of the Programme,
- a travel pass for your student, if they need one to get to college.

## WHAT DO I FEED THEM?

Please offer your student something to eat and drink when you get home.

Breakfast - typically cereal, toast, juice.

Lunch - a packed lunch consisting of 2 or 4 slices of bread or a roll for sandwiches (maybe no butter), crisps (start with plain!) fruit, (usually apple or banana) cake or biscuits

Evening meal- a hot meal to be taken with the family, or at least sat with a host parent.

### WASHING THEMSELVES AND CLOTHES!

You should provide regular access to the shower/bathroom and provide towels. Students should bring their own towel for sports etc. which you may offer to launder with other dirty washing. Let your student know the day(s) you do washing.

### WHAT DO I DO ON THE FIRST DAY?

Please take and collect your student on the first day.

The college address will be on the programme but it is usually at various central venues in the Liverpool city centre.

Our students' lessons start promptly at 9am

### AND ON THE SECOND DAY?

On the second day if you feel your student is confident enough, they should travel by public transport using the travel pass given to you at the arrival. Please remember to complete the advice form for your particular bus/train route that will have been given to you at the arrival.

## WHAT INFORMATION IS ON THE PROGRAMME?

Have a look at the website for programmes nearer the date. After morning lessons afternoon activities such as mini-golf, swimming, sports, usually finish around 4, (although students only tend to return home around 5.30!), and half-day and full day trips to Chester, Southport and Manchester generally return to the centre at 6pm. Please check your programme rather than ring your Area coordinator. Every group has a different programme!

Sundays are usually the day to be spent with the Host Family– please tell them what your plans are . Sometimes the leaders may arrange a group activity, so please talk with your student to make plans that will suit you.

## WHAT DO I DO IF MY STUDENT BECOMES UNWELL?

If they become unwell they should see your family doctor. If you need help or advice please ring your Local area Co-ordinator.

### IS THERE A CURFEW TIME?

Generally 13 and under it's 8.30pm, 14 and over it's 10pm.

A few students are not allowed out without you in the evenings . If this is the case we will let you know. Mini-trip students do not go out in the evenings.

We shall arrange either 1 or 2 weekly evening activities for July, which should finish at 10 pm. Please collect young students from these events.

### WHAT HAPPENS ABOUT THE DEPARTURE?

Your area co-ordinator will send a note/ message to you explaining the exact time and place that your student will depart from. You should provide a packed breakfast/ lunch.

Please take your student personally, but if you decide to send your student by taxi please make sure that you pay the driver enough.

AND ALSO....

If you know of any reason that any member of your household would be prohibited from providing accommodation for children you should let us know.

You should have adequate insurance to cover your own house and contents. If an accident occurs whilst your student is still resident please advise us immediately.

All Host Family accommodation must conform to the Gas Safety Regs. (Installation and Use) 1994 and amendment 1996

All records are kept of payments made to Host Families for the Inland Revenue, should they request details.

We have a well established support system, as a Company we are available 24 hours a day for the whole of the students' stay.



Dear Host Family,  
Please complete and give this form to your student  
**when you feel they are able to travel home alone.**

My student can travel home by bus number.....

The bus stop in the city/town centre is  
on .....(Road)

outside.....(shop/landmark)

The journey home will take about ..... minutes

The bus stop to get off at  
is.....

OR – take train at .....station

And get off at.....station

**My telephone number is.....**

### Example of the travel slip

## PAYMENTS FOR HOSTING EXPENSES -

Payment is by bank transfer, and will be paid to your chosen bank account on the:

10th day for a 28 night stay,

7th day for a 13 - 27 night stay,

4th day for a 7 - 12 night stay,

and the second day for mini-trips.

If a student has to be moved for any reason (rare!) then the Host Family will only be paid for the ACTUAL TIME SPENT with them.

TOP TIPS—

KEEP VALUABLES SAFE! Remember they are children! Tell them to lock their money etc inside their suitcases rather than take all their money out with them all the time or leave it lying around the home.

DON'T USE YOUR PHONE TO CALL FOREIGN NUMBERS!

Unless you are fantastically rich! Almost all students will bring their own mobile phone and now have free roaming with no charges in Europe.

You should use a free messaging service to contact your student— please DO NOT call your Area Coordinator instead— remember she will be busy all day every day in Summer!!

We hope you enjoy the experience of Hosting and continue to do so for many years to come. With many thanks from the team-

**Company Directors -**

**Karen Mitchell**

**Dave Mitchell**

**Griff (John Griffiths)**

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Mini trip dates 2019

11th – 14<sup>th</sup> Feb       18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb   
26<sup>th</sup> Feb – 2<sup>nd</sup> March       12th – 15th March   
18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March   
25<sup>th</sup> Mar – 29<sup>th</sup> Mar   
1st Apr – 5<sup>th</sup> April       22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> April   
29<sup>th</sup> Apr – 3<sup>rd</sup> May       13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May   
10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> June

**Teaching groups dates 2019**

SNCF FRENCH 13 - 20 APRIL

LUCIA ITALIAN 6/7 - 19/7

SPANISH 3 weeks in July

CEI FRENCH 2 weeks in July

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