

Safeguarding Advice for Hosting Families

Firstly, thank you for offering to host a child from a visiting school. Hosting Parents should, for the duration of the stay, act in 'Loco Parentis' – applying the same standards of health and safety with a host pupil as you would with your own child.

Any concerns about the welfare of a child should immediately be raised with the Visit Leader of the visiting group, or with Elizabeth College staff. Chris Eyton-Jones is the Safeguarding lead at Elizabeth College. (Contact details below)

Safe Hosting – practical advice:

- The child must have their own bed (ideally in their own bedroom)
- The child must have access to private (ideally lockable) toilet and bathroom facilities
- The child should have access to a phone in order to call their parents or the Visit leader
- The host family should take into consideration any medical / dietary requirements (which should be disclosed prior to travel)
- The host family should avoid taking any photographs that could be misconstrued, or infringe a child's privacy
- The host family should ensure that any TV, DVD, or Gaming is age appropriate
- Any older siblings within the Host Family should be made aware of appropriate boundaries
- Any transport used must be road worthy / appropriately insured and be driven by a driver who holds a valid driving licence
- The host family should disclose in advance if they know the host child will be participating in higher risk activities. (e.g. Sea Swimming, Boating, Climbing, Coasteering, Kayaking etc)

In the event of a child protection disclosure:

In the unlikely event that a child discloses a child protection concern whilst in your care it is important that you listen uncritically, try to avoid asking leading questions and never promise confidentiality. As soon as possible you should make a written note of what a child has said and pass that on to Elizabeth College' designated Safeguarding lead – Chris Eyton-Jones.

Useful Contacts: Rick James EVC Elizabeth College rjames@elizabethcollege.gg

Visit leader of the visiting group: Dietra Buxot

Teacher in charge: Richard Morris rmorris@elizabethcollege.gg

Assistant Principal Pastoral and Designated Safeguarding Lead: Chris Eyton-Jones ceyton-jones@elizabethcollege.gg