

Policy Statement: Children under 13 in homestay accommodation

All children under the age of 13 years old, living in BLC International Homestay accommodation must be accompanied and be under the constant care and guardianship of the parent(s), guardian(s) or group leader(s).

Accompanying adults of these children are legally responsible for these students whilst in our host family accommodation for the duration of their stay.

Therefore, they are to take full responsibility for the welfare and safeguarding of the children under their care.

BLCI does not cover the cost of any loss, theft or damage caused by students to host property.

Adult students accompanying children in Homestay Accommodation are advised to note that any damage caused by children under their care must be covered by parent, guardian or group leader.

BLCI will not be held responsible for any such loss, theft or damage to host family property, and therefore it is the accompanying adult(s) responsibility to ensure they prevent any such instances.

If any such loss, theft or damage caused to host family property by students is brought to the attention of the school after students' departure from Homestay Accommodation, we will endeavour to investigate the matter and help reclaim expenses from students on behalf of the host.

Bad behaviour will not be tolerated.

Any bad behaviour that is reported to the school from host families regarding students whilst in Homestay Accommodation will be fully investigated and, if necessary, students will be swiftly removed from accommodation.

BLCI is not obliged to rehouse students who have been asked to leave by their host for bad behaviour and we would advise students to arrange private accommodation for themselves and children under their care.

Accompanying adults residing in Homestay Accommodation who are not studying at the college should note that they are not permitted to stay in the host family house during the daytime.

Non-studying adults must leave the host property each morning and accompany the under 13 student to and from the school at the end of the day, at no time is the child to be left home alone with supervision from the accompanying adult.

In reading this policy, accompanying adults take full responsibility for their junior students whilst residing together in BLCI Homestay accommodation.