

Welcome to Bloomsbury International Stay Safe in London

School +44 (0) 207 242 2234 Mon-Fri 08.00–18.30 / Emergency Mobile +44 (0)7762 425 376 out of school hours.

It is important to us that you enjoy your stay, and that you are safe and comfortable here. London is a huge city with lots to see and do but remember, your safety always comes first. You may be from a big city or already know London very well, but we would like to give you some advice. Please read it carefully.

WELCOME BOOKLET

Please read your Welcome Booklet and/or your Timetable on your first day. If you have any questions or need some help, please speak to any Bloomsbury staff member. The following staff members are specially qualified to help you.

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BRITISH CULTURE AND VALUES

Help keep your school a safe and friendly place by respecting others and demonstrating **Core British Values**

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Your welfare and safety are very important to us. If you cannot come to school, you MUST tell us BEFORE class:

- Telephone the school on +44 (0) 207 242 2234 OR
- Email info@bloomsbury-international.com

Please make sure that you arrive on time. If you are late, please go to reception.

If you are late or absent and you have not told us, we may contact your parent / guardian / next of kin.



STUDENT CARD

Please wear your student card at **all times** when you are in the school.

This is for your safety and security.

The student card also has contact details and bus routes to the school.

If you see someone without a card, please report it to a Bloomsbury staff member.



Student Card code	
Dark Purple	Staff
Light Purple	18 years +
Yellow or Green	16/17 yrs
Red	Under 16 yrs
Blue	Visitors

ACCOMMODATION Are you happy with your accommodation?

Do you know your journey to/from school or would you like some help planning it?



- Does your **host family** and the **school** have **YOUR** mobile number?
- Do you have the **telephone number** and **address** of your **ACCOMMODATION**?
- Do you know your **curfew** (what time you have to be home)?

16 / 17 years old = **10pm** at the latest.

15 years old or younger = **9pm** at the latest.

Please keep in contact with your host and tell them what time you will be home, if not they will worry about you.

E-Safety – stay SMART

Safe Do not give your personal details to anyone online (e.g., full name, contact details).

Meeet Do not meet with people who you have met online as it can be dangerous.

Acccept Do not accept messages, emails or open files from people you do not know or trust as some can contain viruses or nasty messages.

Reliable Some information may be untrue or people can lie about who they are. Always check information with other websites, books or a member of staff.

Tell If something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried tell your parent, host parent or a staff member.

EVERY DAY Safety

Apply the above E-Safety rules to everyday life and be careful with your personal information. Are you meeting someone new? Make sure you meet them in a public place or go with a friend, especially at night time.



BELONGINGS / VALUABLES (e.g. mobiles, cameras, money)

Please keep your personal belongings and valuables safe and not on show for everybody to see.

Do not leave your belongings unattended.



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ALCOHOL

<https://www.gov.uk/alcohol-young-people-law>

Do not accept drinks from someone you do not know. If you are under 18 and you try to buy or drink alcohol in public, you can be stopped, fined or arrested by the police. You must be 18 years or over to buy or to drink alcohol in public places. Some bars and nightclubs have a 21 years+ policy. It is illegal to buy for or sell alcohol to anyone under 18 years old. In some outdoor places, the police can confiscate alcohol. In London, these areas may be called Alcohol Control Areas (ACAs), Controlled Drinking Areas (CDAs) or Controlled Drinking Zones (CDZs). These areas will be clearly signposted. You are not allowed to drink alcohol on London buses, trams, tubes and the DLR.

DRUGS

You are not allowed to buy, sell or use illegal drugs in the UK.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME If you would like to attend any social activities, we will need your parent/guardian's consent (under 18 only). Sorry, but some trips are for students who are 18+, please check at reception.



TRAVELLING AROUND LONDON

Bloomsbury International school is in Holborn (Underground station on the **Piccadilly line** and/or **Central line**).

For further information on journeys, including bus routes, please visit this useful website www.tfl.gov.uk.

If you travel by bus, sit near the driver – it is the safest place.

Transport is not 24 hours ... check before you travel (last bus / tube / train / night buses)

Emergency – we suggest that you carry £10.00 - £15.00, just in case you need to take a taxi at any time.

Where possible, travel with another student or friend and use main roads with street lamps.

Only use Licensed Taxis and book a taxi in advance: <https://www.tfl.gov.uk/modes/taxis-and-minicabs/book-a-taxi>

For emergency only, you can hail a black cab on the street. Do not get into a stranger's car or into an unlicensed taxi.

The British police and security agencies work hard to protect the public. In the event of an incident in London they advise to: RUN, HIDE and TELL.

Run to a safe place, turn your phone onto silent mode and stay hidden, if it is safe, call 999 and tell the police where you are.

ROAD SAFETY

Only cross at crossings and look both ways. Look for all vehicles, including bicycles.

Wait for the traffic to stop – you can press the button on the traffic lights and wait for the green man.

Useful Information / Emergency

- **999 (or 112): Emergency** number for **Police, Ambulance, Fire**.
- **101: Police** (Non-Emergency).
- **111: Medical NHS service:** fast medical help (non-emergency).
- **Soho NHS Walk-In Centre:** details below, please ask at reception for further details.
Address: 1 Frith St, London W1D 3HZ / Telephone: 020 7534 6500
- **Doctors:** please ask at the school reception or visit <http://www.nhs.uk/service-search>



REMEMBER

- Always put your safety first.
- Make sure your phone always has battery and credit.
- Make sure you have all of the contact details, addresses or maps that you need (e.g. school, accommodation).
- If you have any questions, please ask any member of Bloomsbury International staff at any time.

WEEKLY WELFARE MEETING 12.20 on Tuesdays in the Student Resource Centre. Feel free to join us!

UNDER 18s Mon- Fri 9-5pm Ask for Louise in the main office

SAFEGUARDING POLICY You can find our FULL **Safeguarding Policy** on our website.

Website - School - Policies

<http://www.bloomsbury-international.com/en/school/policies.html>

