

BSC YOUNG LEARNERS - COVID19 SAFETY STATEMENT

The safety and welfare of students is always BSC YL's number 1 priority. BSC YL Central will continuously follow UK government guidance to monitor the COVID 19 pandemic.

Our experienced and dedicated operations team have implemented preventative measures across all summer centres. These COVID 19 protocols will ensure that our young learners continue to be safe, that they're inspired to learn and are able to keep having fun throughout their student journeys.

Responsible, qualified and trained centre team members

BSC YL Central has introduced specific staff training to ensure centre teams are able to control the threat of COVID 19.

Every member of Centre Management partakes in 'Emergency at work' First Aid training during BSC YL Central inductions.

At the centre, every BSC YL team member will:

- Undergo Health & Safety COVID19 onsite training
- Carry out all procedures relating to the [BSC YL Covid19 Contingency Plan](#), [BSC YL Covid19 Risk Assessment](#) and the [BSC YL Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy](#).
- Undergo government quarantine measures if traveling from a COVID19 risk country

The Centre Manager and Welfare Manager will work in coordination with BSC YL Central and the Host Centre Liaison Officer to oversee all Covid-19 testing requirements, possible isolation/quarantine measures, and all medical assistance related to Covid-19.

****BSC YL Central can confirm it's a requirement for all staff to provide evidence of having had 2 coronavirus vaccinations. Where upon any staff haven't received 2 vaccinations then the staff member will have to adhere and follow a thorough individual Covid19 risk assessment.***

A fun and safe Social Programme

- Covid-19 secure programmes readily available for all locations
- Social distanced activities and excursions
- Regular cleaning of sports equipment before, during and after activity sessions
- Hosting activities outside to minimise risk of transmission
- Covid-19 specific risk assessments for all activities and excursions
- Students are allocated to the same activity 'house bubble**' group with the same Activity/Welfare Leaders for their entire stay
- Follow all Covid19 safety guidance as provided by all our attraction and transfer suppliers,

*****House bubbles refer to students being placed in the same activity, meal and accommodation groups throughout their stay. Students will be placed into Covid19 secure English classes according to their online English placement test levels.***

Exploring course towns safely and freely

- Numbers in transfers/excursions limited to allow as much space as possible on coaches and walking tours
- Hand sanitiser provided for all students as they board coaches for their trips
- No stopping on journeys unless it's an emergency
- Additional preparation in classes and house meetings for all trips to specify meeting points/safety advice
- Travel cards/tickets will be managed by BSC YL in advance to minimise risk of cross-contamination
- No passengers outside of the house groups will join trips/excursions

Maintaining safety through our pastoral care arrangements and provision

- Daily house inspections carried out by the Welfare team on all communal areas and high touchpoint areas, such as doors, door handles, stair cases and table tops
- Additional deep cleaning in all our host centre restaurants, cafeterias, and accommodation
- Clearly defined areas and timetables for each 'house bubble' to relax, eat and sleep in, to restrict the risk of cross-contamination
- Agreements with host centres to manage the safe distribution of food
- Hand sanitiser available in all eating spaces with staggered timings for each 'bubble' to minimise queues and large crowds
- Laundry arranged for students in separate bags
- Laundry rotas are used to minimise overcrowding in laundry areas
- No unallocated staff to enter into each other's houses without PPE
- Regular 1-1 (social distanced) meetings with students to monitor student welfare
- Covid testing kits will be made available at the centre
- Medical sick bays are supervised by the welfare team

Safety first with collaborative approach across all departments

- Student temperatures are taken/and recorded twice a day (during breakfast and lunch times)
- All activities and lessons are socially distanced with Covid19 secure staff: student ratios
- Detailed Welcome Inductions to outline protocols for staff and students
- Floor markings giving clear guidance on social distancing across all centres
- Hand sanitisers stationed throughout our centres
- Regular, vigorous cleaning practices will ensure our centres are as safe as possible
- BSC YL team members will work in strict dedicated 'house' bubbles with no cross over in accommodation or the activity programme
- BSC YL team members will follow government guidance for any staff or students who may show symptoms of, or test positive for COVID-19
- Strict Visitor Policy for agents, BSC YL Central and contractors
- Track and Trace 'sign in/sign out' system for teams and students
- An emphasis on reducing the usage of paper in activities and during classes
- Centre Management remain in regular contact with the Local Authority Safeguarding Officers (LADOs) for additional safeguarding and student welfare support

Running a Covid19 Quarantine centre at Wycliffe College in 2022

BSC Young Learners has introduced a Covid19 quarantine facility at the prep school of our Wycliffe College centre in Gloucestershire to cater for student groups that will need to quarantine upon arrival (in accordance to the latest UK governments travel guidance)

The Covid19 Quarantine Centre will function as a Centre within a Centre. How does it work?

- Allows quarantine for up-to 5 full days in a managed quarantine site (the day you arrive in England is day 0)
- Managed/and monitored by the Centre Manager and Welfare Manager (who'll always be wearing PPE whilst maintaining social distancing)
- Centre Management teams and the Welfare Teams receive rigorous quarantine centre training
- Quarantining groups will be allocated a Welfare Leader/and or Activity Leader to support them
- Students with symptoms will be monitored by the Welfare Leaders with action taken in accordance to quarantine measures as outlined in the [BSC YL Contingency Plan-2022](#).
- Student groups take a coronavirus (COVID-19) test on the day specified by government travel guidance (BSC YL can advise on the tests to buy)
- Groups must follow quarantine rules even if fully vaccinated (if the students are from a country that has to quarantine upon arrival.)
- Student temperatures are taken/and recorded twice a day (during breakfast and lunch times)
- Groups will be allocated into their own house group (Meal and Accommodation) bubbles
- Students will not participate in main centre social programme activities during quarantine
- The Welfare/Activity Leader will arrange alternative Covid19 activities in the quarantine centre
- Students attend English lessons during the afternoons at the main centre when there are activities or excursions occurring for the other students
- Daily House & Centre cleaning inspections to be carried out when students attend English lessons
- When the quarantine days are over then the student/groups will be immersed into the centre according to their allocated 'house' bubbles and English placement levels.

***Please note: BSC YL can provide free lateral 'rapid' tests at the centre, however, PCR Covid tests will need to be bought by the student/groups. BSC YL can advise on the government approved PCR tests before traveling and at the centre.**

Do you have a question about BSC-Young Learners?

BSC-Young Learners are here to help every step along the student journey. Let us help to find the perfect language course in your dream city. If you need any more information about COVID19 safety measures, please don't hesitate to ask us.

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