

Excel English

Infectious Disease Policy

This policy will apply when UK government bodies or other recognised medical advice suggests that the school should take containing action to avoid the spread of the epidemic of an infectious disease. It will not apply to isolated cases of illness.

Before arriving at Excel English

- All students coming to the school should make sure they have adequate travel insurance. This needs to cover medical expenses, cancellation & postponement. The school will not be able to cover expenses incurred by any illness, such as reorganising a flight or a longer stay in accommodation after the course has finished.
- If an epidemic has been declared by the authorities, students should not travel to Excel English if they suspect that they are carriers of the infectious disease in question. It is likely in any case that the airline will not allow the student to travel.
- In these circumstances, if a student has another serious medical condition, he or she should consider whether they can postpone their visit to the UK. The school will consider requests to postpone arrival sympathetically if students have a pre-existing serious medical condition.

At Excel English

If a student in the school is suspected of having caught the declared infectious disease, Excel English will:

- Help the student to check their symptoms.
- Help the student to contact any government helpline and/or doctor in the UK who will advise the student and prescribe medication if required.
- Isolate any student or member of staff who is suffering from the declared infectious disease from other students (Room 3). Staff will be sent home and we will encourage students to stay at their homestay or other accommodation if possible until they feel

better and/or when the doctor confirms they are fit to return to school. Students will be marked as authorised absences for the period they are away from school.

- Regularly keep in touch with students if they are ill, as is always the case, and if appropriate will provide language work for the student to do at home. Students should inform the school when they feel fit to return to school.
- Not close unless there is a severe outbreak, following advice from the UK government and English UK. The school may have to take other short-term measures, such as combining classes, if staff numbers are significantly reduced through illness. The school will do all it can to ensure that the students receive the excellent provision that they would normally expect.
- Help student to extend or find alternative accommodation and to re-arrange flights if students suffering from an illness are unable to travel at the end of their course.