

DUTY OF CARE

TRAVEL FOR MINORS

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Kingfisher Education is dedicated to its responsibility to safeguard all children in its care and recognises that all children have the right to be protected.

A child is identified as any person under the age of 18.

While your child is in England, Kingfisher Education holds a duty of care, commonly known as “in loco parentis”. Legally, while not bound to parental responsibilities, Kingfisher Education must act as a “reasonable parent” would do in promoting the welfare and safety of children in their care (The Children Act 1989 and The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974).

Airports and train stations are busy environments where situations are continually changing. There are many instances which can affect your child’s travel plans such as:

- Flight / train delayed or missed
- Flight / train cancelled
- Flight / train redirected to different terminal / airport / station
- Lost / damaged luggage / passport
- Your child is taken ill / injured
- Immigration queries (whether requiring a visa or not)

To support your child with any travel complications, a Kingfisher Education representative, acting as a “reasonable parent”, must be at the airport or station when your child’s flight/train is scheduled to arrive, regardless of what time of the day or night it is. Likewise, for departures, a Kingfisher Education representative must remain at the airport/station until your child’s flight/train has departed.

Furthermore, UK Border Control (Immigration) may stop any child who is travelling unaccompanied by an adult and ask for proof that a responsible person is waiting for them in the Arrivals Hall. This is why we ask you to complete our “Letter of Consent to Travel” so that Border Control can contact us for confirmation. Your child will not be released by Border Control until they have received verification from us.

For the above-mentioned reasons, it is vital you provide us with your child’s accurate travel details.

For the same reason, we cannot let your child arrive at or leave our camps on their own and use public transport to travel to their destination.