

ADDITIONAL FREEDOM

Policy Statement

Country Cousins has established this Policy to ensure the “Additional Freedom” concept is understood by parents/guardians, homestay providers and staff.

Additional Freedom is the extra free time the student has when part of a Country Cousins programme. We define free time as; when the school has not organised an activity or lesson.

The following guidelines apply:

- **Mini Learners** (6 to 10 years old) are required to have full supervision at all times either with you, our staff or their group leaders if they are in a group.
- **Students 11 – 14 years old** must not be absent from the homestay accommodation without supervision from for long periods of time without checking in with the host at regular intervals.
- **Students over 14 years of age**, have the freedom to spend their time as they wish to do so within reason. If the student has made plans to go with friends must find out the following information:
 - 1) where they are going
 - 2) how they are getting there / getting home
 - 3) whom are they going with?
 - 4) what times they are going / coming back
 - 5) do they have their mobile phone?
 - 6) do they have their student card / wristband?
 - 7) Please make sure you have their mobile number if they have one, know where they are, and when to expect them to return.

Public Transport:

If your student will be going un-supervised on public transport, they must be aged **14 and over**, Student need to make sure their Host family know the following information:

- 1) which bus stop / bus company they are using
- 2) what bus times they will be following

Please note: Students can obtain bus timetables at the School Reception

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