

PROGRAMME RULES for Academic Year Students

- 1) Students must abide by the **laws** of the Host Country (IRELAND).
- 2) The possession or use of illegal drugs and or alcohol is prohibited.
- 3) All students on this PROGRAMME are not allowed to purchase or drink alcoholic beverages.
- 4) It is forbidden to go to TEENAGE DISCOS, PUBS, NIGHT CLUBS, TRANSITION YEAR BALL OR ANY SCHOOL EVENTS NOT AUTHORISED AND SUPERVISED BY SCHOOL MANAGEMENT.
- 5) Driving any motor vehicle while participating in the PROGRAMME is not permitted.
- 6) Students are not permitted to participate in skydiving, hand-gliding, bungee-jumping, and parachute-jumping or any other dangerous or inappropriate behaviour which puts their own safety or the safety of others at risk.
- 7) Students may **not** participate in any sexual contact or sexual activity that may be considered inappropriate.
- 8) Students must abide by the SPIL **Travel Rules** - see Travel Permission Forms (TPF), SPIL reserves the right to refuse Travel Permission to students who are not travelling with a responsible adult (Person over 18)
- 9) Aggressive, harmful or violent behaviour will result in the **dismissal** from the programme, including behaviour that is deemed to put the welfare of others at risk.

Any infraction on the above 9 rules may result in immediate dismissal from the PROGRAMME

- 10) Students are not allowed to smoke in the Host Family home or at school.
- 11) Students must always be aware of their responsibility as exchange students and make a determined effort to represent their Country in a positive manner

- 12) Students must follow **School Rules**, attend school daily, complete all school assignments and attempt to maintain at least a Level “3 or C grade” Average in all subjects and must obey the schools dress code
- 13) Students must limit making international phone-calls to their parents and friends and will be financially responsible for all of those calls. The internet may not be available for use in the Host Family.
- 14) Students must show respect for their Host Families and act as a member of the family by following Family Rules and voluntarily helping with family chores
- 15) Students must not discuss their Host Family’s private affairs with their peers
- 16) Students cannot change Host Families and Schools at will (without a valid reason)
- 17) Students must show respect for their **SPIL Representatives** and follow their instructions
- 18) Parental or friends from Home Country visits disrupt the integration process and are not permitted without authorization from SPIL Co-ordinator. Visits are not permitted during the 1st term. They may visit after Christmas but not during the school term. Normally the mid-term break in February or else during Easter holidays is a good time to visit
- 19) Students must have credit on their **Irish Mobile Phones** at all times
- 20) Students on this PROGRAMME cannot receive any body art (tattoos), body piercing or changing their hair colour during their stay in Ireland.

Infraction on any of the above RULES will be considered on a case by case basis and may result in dismissal from the PROGRAMME.

A copy of these RULES will be given to your Host Family and they rely on the fact that they can expect you understand and agree to abide by these RULES.

These RULES were devised to give everyone the foundation for a successful, safe and satisfying homestay experience.

The first section of the RULES (1 - 9) is particularly important. Any student who does not adhere to those RULES **may be expelled** from the PROGRAMME and sent back home.

Failure to abide by the RULES (10 - 20) will mean that the student will be place on a **probationary status** in order to correct his/her behaviour.

Continuing disregard for these RULES can result in **expulsion** form the PROGRAMME.

I have read the above RULES and I agree to be bound by them.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Student Name (BLOCKCAPITALS): _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____