

# Homestay Programme



## Programme Overview

- \* The basis of the homestay programme and the main key to its' success is that students do not reside in a school, residential centre or other group accommodation, instead they enjoy the all-encompassing experience of staying with an Irish host family.
- \* Staying with a host family is designed to allow students to learn English through total immersion in an English speaking environment. It also allows students to learn about Irish culture while having a fun experience and often making long-lasting friendships with the host family.
- \* **The focus of this programme is on the student participating in daily family life and activities.**

### Matching to a host family

Students are carefully matched to a host family based on the student information provided.

Students will be placed with a family who have children.

Each and every family is carefully selected and approved. They are happy to welcome students into their home to share the daily life of their family.

### Will there be excursions?

**There are no specific excursions on this programme.** Host families do tend to make some special outings with their students to show them the local area and if the family are going on a family day out the student is included. On a day to day basis family life continues as normal.

### Will students have their own room?

Students may have their own room, they may be sharing with a host child or they may be sharing with another student of a different nationality. As each family home is unique to each family, every one will be different. Specific requests can usually be accommodated.

### Daily Itinerary

There is no set daily itinerary. Every family's day is different from that of another.

The focus of this programme is on the student being warmly welcomed to experience the life and activities of their host family.

### Location

Homestay families are located throughout Ireland

### Stay Length

Homestays usually range from two to four weeks. Longer or shorter stays can also be accommodated.

### Will there be other students with the family?

Each student will be the only student of their nationality with the host family. There may be a student of a different nationality also staying with the host family at the same time.

### Will Wifi be available?

99% of host families do have wifi in their homes but dependant on the home location it may sometimes not be available.

