

## TRAVEL POLICY & TRANSPORT INFORMATION

For transfers between the airport and school, or between the host family and school, we have a team of designated and reliable drivers available to meet students and take them to the arranged address in the UK. If we have booked a driver for you to travel, please be certain to keep your mobile switched on so that we can contact you. If you are travelling by car in the UK, you must use a seat belt. Travel by rail and coach can be arranged for economical long-distance transfer. We will check timetables, book tickets, and arrange for an escort if required (children under 16 years of age are not allowed to travel unaccompanied, unless signed off by their parents).

In the unlikely case that a under 16 may have to travel independently the parent and child must sign a **Travel Consent Form** before this is allowed.

### **Transport to and from your homestay provider**

When on a group short course, your homestay provider or a pre-arranged by us reliable driver, will collect you and drop you off on your arrival and departure days.

For longer term students and over 18s, you will be expected to make your own travel arrangements, that we can assist with if need be.

It is imperative that all homestay hosts have valid insurance, MOT and their vehicle is in a safe roadworthy state.

### **Links and useful information for travel in the area and across the UK**

#### **Bus**

For local bus times please see the Stagecoach website (<https://www.stagecoachbus.com>), who are the main local bus provider.

Here is a link to their route planner which will tell you what bus to take and what time

<https://www.stagecoachbus.com/plan-a-journey>

#### **Train**

The two main local train lines that connect Exeter to the rest of the UK are Great Western Railways and South West Railway (links to both are below)

<http://www.gwr.com>

<https://www.southwesternrailway.com>

You can find trains, prices and departure/arrival times on these sites, or you can also look on nationwide train travel sites which will give you a wider range of travel options for further afield.

Such as Train Line and National Rail, both links below.

<https://www.thetrainline.com/>

<https://www.nationalrail.co.uk>

#### **Taxis**

Every area has their own local taxi companies, so if you are unsure please ask a member of staff for a recommendation or use the following taxi company below to arrange a quote for your journey.

- Exeter – Apple Taxis – 01392 666 666 - <https://www.appletaxisexeter.co.uk>

### **Airport Travel**

The two closest airports we use are Exeter and Bristol, these can both be accessed via car/taxi, coach or train (or local bus to Exeter Airport).

- Trains to the airports can be searched through the links above
- For coach you can travel to Bristol Airport via Megabus or the SW Falcon (Stagecoach)

Links to both can be found below

<https://www.stagecoachbus.com/promos-and-offers/south-west/fly-the-south-west-falcon>

<https://uk.megabus.com/route-guides/exeter-to-bristol-airport>

- Taxis can be arranged from any of the local taxi companies, at various costs, please contact them individually for quotes.

