

Policy Name: ICE Supervision Policy

Policy Statement:

Our camps encourage students to actively immerse themselves in the English Language, interacting with Irish people, other teenagers and having fun through activities and cultural visits.

Supervision is one role to assist in keeping our students safe. Our philosophy of supervision is one that allows for exploration and interaction. Students attending our camps should be sufficiently mature for their age, independent, self-sufficient and responsible. We have policies and procedures in place to create an enjoyable safe camp atmosphere but life has inherent risks and we ask all students to take the same precautions and care as they would in their home country.

Our supervision model is supportive and interactive. We will not overly or intrusively supervise students so as to allow them the full benefits of a camp experience. Therefore, students may be exposed to risks, might make mistakes or be injured while on camp.

Students will have free unsupervised time on all our camps. During this time students will have access to staff members or to our emergency phone number where a member of our staff is available 24 hours a day.

Responsible Staff Member: Operations Manager – Ian Mc Elhinney

Procedures

Supervision Procedures

Our staff will engage in behaviour management and student supervision techniques to create a reasonably physically and emotionally safe environment where students are cared for, respected and listened to. We believe in reasonable and appropriate levels of supervision based on the setting, activity and risk assessment. All our camp staff are available should a student require assistance or help. In addition, we have a welfare officer/child protection officer at each camp.

Risk Assessment

We conduct risk assessments as part of our camp planning, looking at all aspects of our camp experience. We also provide accurate information to students and their parents on potential risks in our pre camp communication e.g. Handbook and Waivers. All parents/guardians read and sign our waiver and must have private medical insurance in place.

Ratios of Staff to Students

For the age range of students who we accept at our ICE Summer Camps, best practice is a minimum staff ratio of 1 staff member to 20 students. We however, have a staff ratio of 1 to 15 for most of the day. Our ratios change dependant on the activity and setting e.g. residential night time ratios as based on staff on call, higher risk activities will have appropriate higher ratio of external trained staff.