

All accredited providers

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Dear Director, Principal, Head of ELT

### **BRITISH COUNCIL REGULATIONS**

All British Council accredited UK ELT providers accepting students under the age of 18 are required to meet inspection criteria relating to the safeguarding of students.

Inspection criterion C4 requires:

“Recruitment procedures for all roles involving responsibility for or substantial access to under 18s will be in line with safer recruitment best practice and the organisation’s safeguarding policy (including suitability checks).”

*Accreditation UK Handbook 2016 and 2017, page 30.*

This means that agencies sending group leaders with students will need to provide assurance of their suitability to work with children by requiring a Police ‘Certificate of good conduct’ or ‘certificate of criminal record’ from their country of residence.

Group leaders arriving in the UK without such checks having been completed will only be allowed limited access to and responsibility for students and additional supervision will be provided by the school which may result in increased costs.

Yours sincerely



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