

ELI Schools Covid-19 Service Declarations

On the instruction of the Irish Government, ELI Schools reopened for full in-person classes from 1st December 2020. As part of reopening the economy and society the <u>Irish Government has published a 5-Level Plan</u> which details the steps and requirements should the levels of Covid increase in the population. This plan allows for local, regional, and national restrictions and has indicators for all sectors of industry and life. The plan has a 5-Level system with degrees of alert for each level, where Level 1 is the least cases of Covid-19 and Level 5 is the most restrictive. As part of our commitment to providing a safe learning environment for all our staff and students ELI Schools has agreed to the following declarations and safety assurances.

- Commitment to Quality Online Provision
 If ELI Schools are required to close and to deliver classes online we commit to:
 - Deliver classes using freely available video chat software such as Zoom or Whereby
 - Offer classes of the same minimum quantity of hours (minimum 15 per week) with a maximum of 15 students per class
 - Provide level specific classes, with a variety of levels available and defined opportunities to progress
 - o Encourage interaction in class with our fully qualified teachers
 - Follow a defined curriculum with a specific course textbook for each level and an online workbook
 - Provide classes that meet the requirements of ILEP and lead to a recognised qualification (where possible to deliver)
- Commitment to delivering a safe experience for all
 - o All staff, existing students and host families have read and committed to complying with these guidelines.
 - All staff and new students have completed a Self-Declaration form before arriving at school.
 - All students arriving from overseas or starting a new programme with ELI Schools will declare to comply
 - All Host Families have been provided with special safety guidelines on prevention measures and cleaning techniques
 - New students are asked to commit to staying in long-term accommodation that is safe, hygienic and not overcrowded
 - ELI Schools will insist on safe overseas arrivals with managed professional and compliant airport transfers for all
 - ELI Schools commits to complying with all national, regional and sector specific safety guidelines and protocols.

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