

1. Visiting Cyprus

How was Cyprus affected by Covid-19?

The Republic of Cyprus has been recognised as one of the leading countries in combatting Coronavirus, with just 985 cases and 18 deaths (as of 22/06/2020). The island locked down its borders early and implemented an effective testing regime.

Is the border open to Cyprus?

Airports re-opened on the 8th June. As of 22nd June 34 nationalities are now able to travel to Cyprus.

A list of countries is updated weekly and published [here](#).

Visitors from these countries must register for a Cyprus Flight Pass [here](#).

Passengers from category B should also conduct a test confirming negative PCR for Covid-19 at least 72 hours before departure and possess a certificate which confirms negative PCR for Covid-19, issued from a certified laboratory.

What flights are there to Cyprus?

The list is being updated daily, for the current flights to Larnaca Airport (LCA) click [here](#). For the current flights to Pafos Airport (PF) click [here](#).

Do people have full mobility in Cyprus or are there lockdown measures in place?

People have full mobility in Cyprus, there are no lockdown measures currently in place.

Are museums, restaurants, and shops open?

Yes, following government defined social distancing measures.

Will I need to quarantine when I arrive in Cyprus?

For travellers whose country is unable to make PCR testing widely available to the public, compulsory testing will be required upon arrival at the airport depending on which phase your country's category is. Tests cost €60 and results will be available within 90 minutes. Please be sure to check <https://cyprusflightpass.gov.cy> prior to travelling.

What happens if I have symptoms of Covid-19 while in Cyprus?

If you start to feel unwell. Please contact us immediately (00357 96 629426). Full details of what to do are given in the student handbook. We have a series of procedures in place and will make sure that you are well looked after and that other students are safe.

If you have any questions prior to arriving please contact: info@englishincyprus.com or call: +35796629426

2. The School

What date will you re-open?

We will open for teaching from the 20th July 2020

What is the cancellation policy if I book a course and am unable to attend?

For details on our cancellation policy click [here](#).

Will all courses be available face-to-face from the day you open?

We will be offering all Adult, Family and Young Learner courses. We will not be running our Day Camp or Residential Summer Camp.

Are all English language levels available?

At English in Cyprus we have six levels: Beginners, Elementary, Pre-Intermediate, Intermediate and Advanced. We reserve the right to merge levels.

What timetable are you running?

Our classes will be staggered to aid social distancing in the school in accordance with government guidelines. We will inform you of the exact times of your classes before arrival.

How will we ensure the safety of students and staff at the school?

The safety and welfare of our students and staff has always been the highest priority for English in Cyprus. As the world adapts to social distancing we have taken the following measures so students and team members can feel reassured:

- Class sizes will be limited to enable social distancing of at least 1 metre per student. Classrooms will be sanitized prior to each new session.
- The school will be cleaned daily and toilets more frequently.
- To increase ventilation we will open hallway doors and windows in each classroom.
- Class times will be staggered so less students are moving around the corridors or in our communal areas at the same time.
- We will take advantage of the 4 floors in our building and spread our classes out.
- Hand sanitizer will be available on each floor of the building and in every classroom.
- The reception has a screen between students and staff and the student services team wear masks.
- Teachers will not be expected to wear masks, and will maintain social distancing in classrooms. Students will be encouraged to wear masks, Any student who wishes to wear a mask is welcome to.

We are regularly following advice from the Cypriot government and will amend this document and our health and safety documents regularly.

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How will my first day at the school be?

You will arrive 15-30 minutes before your class starts. The team will welcome you and give you a tour of the school followed by a mini induction. You will then go to your class.

How will I get to and from the school safely?

Our Shuttle Bus will be available to take you to the school and back to the accommodation again. Please remember to wear a mask.

Public transport is running and there is bus stop outside the school. It is compulsory to wear a mask on public transport Cyprus.

If you would prefer not to use public transport you could rent a car or hire a bike <https://www.nextbike.com.cy/en/limassol/>

Will there be a social activity programme and how will it work?

One of the most exciting and fulfilling parts of studying abroad is meeting people and making friends from across the world. We run a social programme that includes activities in the school, around the island and online. For your safety risk assessments will be completed for every social activity to ensure we can guarantee social distancing.

Will I be able to socialise with other students outside of class?

Of course! Just please observe the social distancing measures put in place by the Cypriot government. <https://www.pio.gov.cy/coronavirus/en/>

Will you be running a book deposit scheme?

We recommend for each student to buy their own personal course book at 40 euros. We cannot accept payment in cash and must be paid with credit card. If you wish to borrow a book, there is a deposit fee of 40 euros which will be returned to you upon completion of your course after we have checked that the book is in good condition. All coursebooks borrowed will be sanitized at the beginning and end of each day.

3. Accommodation & Transfers

What accommodation options can I choose from?

All accommodation options are available (home stay, student residence, hotel and hostel).

What procedures are in place to make homestays safe?

- Host families are available but in limited supply.
- Host families will follow all government guidelines on social distancing. English in Cyprus has sent out to all host families policies and procedures to ensure you enjoy your time staying with them and feel safe.
- Host families will only have one student per household.
- Hosts will ensure that there is a high level of cleanliness in all communal areas. You will be expected to clean your room and cleaning products will be provided by the host.
- If you need to quarantine on arrival, hosts will provide support.

What procedures are in place to make residences safe?

Our partners are all hotels or hotel apartments who will follow the guidelines set by the government.

How will I get to and from the airport safely?

We recommend that you book an airport transfer through English in Cyprus. The vehicle will be sanitised after every journey.