

STUDY EXCHANGE PROGRAM IN TES: USEFUL INFORMATION FOR HOSTING FAMILY

A Student exchange program gives pupils the opportunity to spend 5 weeks up to one semester in another European school abroad.

Staying in a host family is part of the intercultural experience and facilitates the pupil's integration in the foreign country and culture. The exchange or visit in another school is possible for pupils of years S4 or S5 in the Secondary School.

After receiving the acceptance from the school, where the student would like to go, it is necessary to find a hosting family (part of the same school).

The school should have a list of available families.

For more information about hosting families in TES, please contact doriana.semprini@est.edu.ee

The pupil that you will be hosting receives pocket money from his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) as well as means contributing to costs incurred during the stay, such as costs linked to local transport or learning materials. The family of the hosted pupil can support the hosting family with a daily allowance of about 10 euro.

The transfer to the pupil is organized and secured by the pupil's parent(s)/guardian(s).

Furthermore, he or she will be covered in terms of medical care and personal liability during the stay through insurance provided by the parent(s)/guardian(s). It is suggested to the hosted pupil's family to provide his/her child with a copy of medical insurance, or any kind of health card valid in Europe, in case of need.

The hosting family is responsible for the hosted pupil and will be the reference for the school throughout the period of permanence.

A hosting family is a very important part of the pupil's learning process. Through daily interaction, the pupil acquires precious cultural differences as well as proficiency in a foreign language. It is therefore important that the pupil is not treated as a guest, but is integrated into everyday family life.

A pupil is a young person who may have little or no prior experience of the culture and attitudes of your country. He or she will consequently need your help in relation to many aspects of daily life. This also means providing clear guidelines for his or her behaviour, what is acceptable and what is not, as a parent or guardian would do.

Do you have the possibility and wish to receive a child from another European school (for a semester or for a shorter duration)? Please fill the Host family [application form](#) and send it to kaidi.tark@est.edu.ee.

