## **Host Family Grievance Policy**

### Purpose

We value our host families and want to support open communication. This policy explains how hosts can raise concerns about students, welfare, school communication, or other issues.

## **Examples of Concerns**

- Student misbehaviour or breaking house rules
- Poor communication from the school (e.g., arrivals, dietary needs)
- Property damage
- Student welfare (illness, distress, safety)
- Payment or administrative problems

### Steps to Raise a Grievance

Talk to the International Office

Most problems can be solved informally by phone or email.

Submit a Formal Grievance (if needed)

If the issue is unresolved, fill out a Host Family Grievance Form available from the international office.

You'll get a written or verbal response within 10 working days.

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If unhappy with the outcome, you can ask the School Director to review. Their decision is final.

# **External Escalation**

If still unresolved, you can contact:

- ELE-Ireland (for member practices)
- TrustEd Ireland (for quality/regulatory issues)

## Confidentiality

All grievances are handled professionally and kept confidential.

### Respect

Hosts will not be penalised for raising genuine concerns.