



Pre-Arrival to First Day



Centre Information

EC Dublin

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Emergency Number:

(For use outside of office hours only)

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Opening Hours

Monday	08:30 - 17:00
Tuesday	08:30 - 17:00
Wednesday	08:30 - 17:00
Thursday	08:30 - 17:00
Friday	08:30 - 17:00
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	Closed
Office hours	08:30 - 17:00



Arrival

Arrival at Airport

I want an EC airport transfer, can I arrive at any time?

If you have booked accommodation with EC you must arrive at the airport between 08:00 and 20:00. Late/early arrivals may be asked to book alternative accommodation.

What information do I need to give to book an airport transfer?

Please provide your flight number, arrival time, terminal and airport of origin – minimum 2 weeks in advance.

Who will I meet at the airport?

There are two meeting points at the Dublin Airport. If you arrive in Terminal 1, you should go to INSOMNIA Coffee, which is located to the right as you come out of the arrival gate. If you arrive in Terminal 2, you should go to the large yellow sculpture, which is located directly opposite the arrival gate. The driver will be waiting at the appropriate meeting point in Terminal 1 or Terminal 2, holding an EC sign with your name on it.

What should I do if I cannot find the EC representative?

If after 10 minutes you cannot see your driver, please contact our emergency number +353 1 531 0255 (WhatsApp: +353 857733939)(Useful phrase to use: Hi, My name is (Maria Angeli). I am from (Italy). I cannot find my EC representative. I am waiting in the arrivals area).

What should I do if I have missed my flight or my flight is delayed?

You should notify EC by calling +353 1 531 0255 to rearrange your transfer time and avoid additional cost. Useful phrase to use: My name is (Maria Angeli). I am from (Italy). My flight has been changed. My new flight number is (1234) arriving at (time).

What should I do if I haven't booked an EC transfer?

There are a few different buses that leave from Dublin airport (T1) that take you to the city centre. The Airlink 747 or 757 (€7 single ticket or €12 return) which is the most direct route. [Air Coach](#) <https://www.aircoach.ie/timetables/route-700-dublin-airport-dublin-city-centre> (€6 single ticket or €11 return). [The number 16 \(Dublin bus\)](#) which costs €3.20 (have exact money as no change will be provided). It takes 30 to 45 minutes from the airport to the city centre. The number 16 also stops a three minute walk away from the school location. We recommend students staying for 1 day up to 7 days to get a Visitor's Leap Card which allows them to use any form of public transport as much as they like:

- 1 day (24 hours) – €10.00
- 3 days (72 hours) – €19.50
- 7 days (168 hours) – €40.00

Prices are subject to change. For more information, please visit the links above.

Your First Day at School

How can I find my way to school?

You can find this information on your EC Accommodation Profile, or feel free to ask your hosts or residence.

Arrival at EC Accommodation

What should I expect at my EC accommodation?

You will receive a warm, personal welcome, whether you have booked homestay or residence. All our hosts are fully briefed on how to make you feel comfortable and prepared for your first day of lessons. In our residences, an EC representative will be available at the weekend to help and answer any questions.

First Sunday Activities

What should I do on the Sunday before school starts?

You will have the option of participating in activities arranged by EC. This is an opportunity to meet other new EC students, relax and be introduced to your new city together. With an EC staff member on hand, you can also ask any questions you may have. We will notify you of the Sunday activity schedule around 1 week before you start school.

Public holidays

What happens on public holidays? Schools do not open on public holidays, so if Monday is a public holiday, your first day at the school will be on Tuesday.

2026 Public holidays on a weekday: 01 January, 02 February, 17 Mar, 06 April, 04 May, 01 June, 03 August, 26 October, 25 December.

What if I haven't booked EC accommodation?

We recommend you to plan your journey in advance using google maps and local bus routes.

What time should I arrive?

8:30am

What should I bring with me?

It's important to bring your valid ID (not a copy) with you on your first day.

What can I expect on my first day?

You'll experience the best possible welcome into the EC family on your first day. Enjoy undivided staff attention in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere.

Here's what your first day will include:

- Welcome Talk
- Detailed timetable of the day
- The remainder of your placement test (speaking and writing)
- 'How We Learn' – Session on how you'll succeed with EC, including our teaching styles and methods

Timetable

What will my timetable be?

This is a sample timetable, times may vary between morning and afternoon. Morning lessons are available.

General English (20 lessons/week) : Core Classes (Mon-Fri)

Intensive English (30 lessons/week) : Core Classes (Mon-Fri) & Special Focus Classes (Mon-Fri)

Sample Timetable

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