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To whom it may concern,

### **Covid-19 (coronavirus) and ELT summer school arrangements**

The UK English language teaching industry is being heavily impacted by the spread of Covid-19.

Group bookings of under-18s that would normally come at this time of year have cancelled as a result of the closure of all non-essential businesses as well as travel bans from our principal markets, and we are now in the peak season for making summer bookings.

Understandably, many parents, study abroad agents and overseas schools are reluctant to book summer courses at the present time, and as an industry we are urgently remodelling volumes to protect the viability of our businesses. All junior markets are affected by the current situation and it is unclear at this stage how much, if any, of the 2020 summer season will go ahead.

We, the national association of UK ELT providers, are therefore asking university, accommodation and school venue partners that provide summer premises and accommodation, for a level of understanding and flexibility around contractual and financial commitments for our members.

It is important that industry partners support one another through the difficult weeks and months ahead. The assistance of key stakeholders will contribute to the best possible outcomes for key junior ELT source markets in both the short term and beyond.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Your sincerely,

Jodie Gray

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For and on behalf of English UK Ltd.