

## Care of students aged 16 and 17 in the adult school

In the UK anyone under the age of 18 is considered a child. As such, we have an extra care of duty towards this group of students to ensure that their welfare needs are properly met and that they have a safe and secure time with us here at CES.

In addition to the comprehensive young learner provision for students on summer young learner programmes, CES provides extra special support and provision for students aged 16 or 17 who are studying in the main adult schools, both in the summer and year round. In particular:

- We maintain a signing in/out sheet for 16 and 17 year olds in reception so that we know the whereabouts of our young learners
- We have a special meeting for students aged 16 and 17 once every two weeks with our welfare staff to ask if they are having any problems, or to ask if they need any help or advice about anything
- We hold specific inductions for 16-17 year olds. This will cover all the same topics as the regular induction but more time is spent on talking what to do and what not to do, staying safe in England, how to find help if it is required and so on
- We make all staff aware of which students are under 18 on activities undertaken outside the school
- We offer one free social activity every two weeks specifically for 16 and 17 year olds – probably a sporting activity

And last but not least, all of our reception staff know who is under 18 and so they will all keep a special look out for the welfare of any such student.