

Demi Pair Programme

A Demi Pair student will stay with a host family free of charge for a minimum of 16 weeks (non-EU students 6 months) and will attend a General English course 20 hours per week in our year round centre, Dunluice House, each morning Monday to Friday.

THE FAMILY

The host family will provide full board accommodation for the student. In addition the family will give the student a monthly bus and rail ticket or €100 pocket money per month, whichever the student prefers. It is expected that the student will live as part of the family and be treated as a full family member. The family will collect the student on their arrival at Dublin airport. The family will have regular contact with ATC in relation to the progress of the Demi Pair student. It is important to remember that this student is not a cleaner for the household but is intended as a help regarding the children and general house care.

THE STUDENT

The student will make their own arrangements with ATC Language & Travel in relation to the payment of course fees. The student will also book and pay for travel to and from Ireland and will inform both ATC and the family of the flight number and arrival time.

The student will complete up to 18 hours light house work and/or babysitting each week, this work rota is to be agreed each weekend between the host family and the student. On the nights when the student is free they may babysit for other families to earn extra pocket money, again this can be discussed and agreed with the family.

The Demi Pair student should adapt to living in an Irish family and do their best to fit in with the normal family routines. The student should liaise with ATC on a regular basis and discuss their progress and life with their Irish family.

ATC

The school will take an active role in ensuring the students well being during his/her stay. Our Host Family Officer, Judi, is responsible for the day to day running of our Demi Pair Programme. She knows all our host families personally and regularly meets with the Demi Pair students to ensure the programme meets with their expectations.