

Homes for Ukraine Update 19 – September 8, 2023

Welcome to our latest update for hosts taking part in the Homes for Ukraine scheme in Norfolk. In this edition there's a reminder about our 'move on' guides for hosts and guests, what to do if your guests are away for a month or longer, and looking after unaccompanied children. There is also information about school uniform grants and new free English and employment support for your guests.

Moving on – guides for hosts and guests

Our 'move on' guide for hosts is a helpful resource for those of you who have had your guests with you for a while. If you have been talking with your guests about what their next steps could be, this guide outlines some of the options. [Visit Norfolk County Councils host support webpage to download a copy.](#)

A companion guide for guests has also been published and is available in [English](#), [Ukrainian](#) and [Russian](#).

Telling us about a change in circumstances

Just a reminder that if your guest(s) leaves your property for more than 28 days you need to let us know at ncchomesforukraine@norfolk.gov.uk

- If you think that your guest/s are likely to return, we can then pause your 'thank you' payments. Remember, pausing your payments won't extend the amount of time that you will receive a 'thank you' payment as they will automatically stop 24 months from your guest's first arrival in the UK.
- If your guests have moved on for good, please let us know as soon as you can. We can then cancel your 'thank you' payments. It's a great help if you tell us in good time as it stops us making any overpayments and then having to ask you to pay any money back.

Unaccompanied children

We have had some cases where parents have returned to Ukraine placing children in the care of hosts. As a host, you are not considered to be a legal guardian. In this case children are classed as unaccompanied, as they are not living with their parent or legal guardian. We want to make sure that children are safe and that hosts have the support they need to help children in these situations.

If children are in your care as a host, without their parents or legal guardian, for longer than 24 hours please get in touch with the [Homes for Ukraine Team](#). The team will be able to offer help and support to you as a host, so please do not hesitate to let us know.

STEP Ukraine English courses and employment support

The UK Government has funded some free support to help guests improve their English and find meaningful employment in the UK.

The programme is open to anyone from Ukraine who is over 18 and arrived in the UK on either the Homes for Ukraine Scheme, the Ukraine Family Scheme, or is on the Ukraine Extension Scheme.

People can join if they are unemployed or have a job but are hoping to move into more relevant employment. The course can also support people interested in self-employment.

It includes:

- An intensive 10 weeks of 2.5 hour daily English classes by the British Council, with options to take the lessons morning, afternoon or evening.
- 12 weeks of weekly employment support with a dedicated employment advisor, to support with: CV writing, job applications, interview prep, support with job search, and specialist workshops.
- All classes are remote, and teacher led. They are streamed so classmates will be at a similar level.

The programme is being run by World Jewish Relief. People can find out more and register at <https://www.worldjewishrelief.org/stepukraine> or calling their freephone on 0800 319 6089.

School uniform grant

Parents can apply for a one-off grant to help pay for school uniform that must be claimed within 12 months of entry into the UK. **As this is a one-off grant, if a parent has already claimed this grant, they cannot claim it again.**

The grant amount is:

- £100 for each child of compulsory school age attending primary school
- £200 for each child attending secondary school.

To get the grant, they must be resident in Norfolk and have a visa under one of the following:

- Homes for Ukraine Scheme
- UK Resettlement Scheme
- Afghan Resettlement Scheme

The [application form is on the County Council website](#).

For more information

More [information about the Homes for Ukraine scheme is available on our website](#) where you will find lots of additional information including a [toolkit for hosts](#) that you can download, sources of local support and all [previous updates](#).

However, if you can't find an answer to your question, please email us at ncchomesforukraine@norfolk.gov.uk

Thanks again for your generous support of the Homes for Ukraine scheme.