Change of Use: Lindley, Manchester- IH Manchester Operational Management Strategy

Opening Hours and Lesson Timings

International House Manchester operates Monday to Friday and is generally open from 8:00 to 17:30. Lessons begin at 8:30 each day.
Teaching sessions are one hour in length. The majority of lessons take place during the morning period, typically between 8:30 and 13:10. This reflects the structure of our core General English and exam preparation programmes, which are primarily delivered in the morning.
A 30 minute lunch break follows the morning teaching block. A smaller number of lessons and specialist classes are scheduled in the afternoon, depending on course type and student demand. The overall pattern of attendance results in a steady arrival and departure flow concentrated in the morning and early afternoon, with limited activity later in the day.

Travel Arrangements – Staff and Students

International House Manchester is a city centre based institution and both staff and students rely almost exclusively on sustainable modes of transport.
Staff travel predominantly by public transport or bicycle. The school does not provide regular car parking, and car use by staff is extremely rare and limited to exceptional circumstances only. The central Manchester location enables convenient access by train, tram and bus from across the city and Greater Manchester.
Students also travel almost entirely by public transport or on foot. Many students choose accommodation within walking distance of the school, while others stay with host families arranged by International House Manchester. Our host families are carefully selected not only for suitability and safeguarding standards, but also for their proximity to convenient public transport routes, ensuring straightforward journeys by tram, bus or train.
The central location of Lindley House is therefore essential to the operation of the school, allowing students and staff to travel safely, efficiently and sustainably without reliance on private vehicles.

Arrivals and Departures

Student arrivals and departures are naturally staggered throughout the day due to the structure of the timetable. Although 8:30 represents the earliest and typically busiest start time, not all students begin or end their classes at that point. The school operates multiple parallel teaching blocks, and most students attend three or four individual lessons drawn from a wider schedule of classes. As a result, start and finish times vary across the morning and early afternoon.
This staggered pattern ensures that there is no single concentrated influx or dispersal of students at one fixed time. Movement into and out of the building is steady and managed, without significant clustering on surrounding pavements. As both staff and students rely almost entirely on public transport, walking or cycling, the school makes a negligible contribution to vehicular traffic and does not create pressure on local parking provision.

Security

The school prioritises the safety and well-being of its students and staff. In tandem with building management, security measures include well-lit pathways to and from the building, restricted access at reception, CCTV monitoring in key areas, along with building management providing a 24 hour security presence.