



## **Operational Management Statement**

### **Le Cordon Bleu**

### **15 Bloomsbury Square**

#### **Introduction to Le Cordon Bleu**

Le Cordon Bleu is a world renowned network of educational institutions dedicated to providing the highest level of culinary and hospitality instruction. The International Flagship Institute of Le Cordon Bleu is located at 15 Bloomsbury Square. Here, hands-on practical classes are held in the professional teaching kitchens, three cuisine kitchens and three patisserie kitchens, all equipped to the highest standards. Students at Le Cordon Bleu can study for diplomas, certificate programmes, short courses and hospitality programmes.

Le Cordon Bleu has a presence in over twenty countries across more than forty international institutes. Le Cordon Bleu Japan operates two campuses in Tokyo and Kobe. Le Cordon Bleu have operated for over twenty years in Japan and have expanded their operational scope to cover a range of market segments which has entailed offering flexible scheduling options and programs for their students. Diplomas run for up to a year either in intensive mode during weekdays or in an extended way at weekends. Short courses can be delivered at any time, but the time slots that are usually preferred are the evenings and the weekends.

Extended opening hours at the weekend enable existing Le Cordon Bleu schools, operating in other international locations, to more adequately meet the demands of its customers.

#### **Proposed Operation**

This Operational Management Statement has been prepared to accompany this application for an extension to the permitted weekend opening hours. The existing weekend opening hours are:

- 08:00 – 17:00 on Saturdays
- No Sunday opening

It is proposed to extend the weekend opening hours as follows:

- 08:00 – 22:00 on Saturdays
- 08:00 – 18:00 on Sundays

It is not proposed to open on bank holidays.

## **Security and Access**

Anyone requiring access to the School during the weekend opening hours would only be able to enter and exit via the main front doors of the building. After entering these front doors, all visitors encounter security barriers in the reception area. These barriers are manned at all times.

In order to enter the building a visitor first has to register on the Biometrics system which permits registered access to all public areas of the building.

There is full CCTV coverage of the whole building with at least one camera covering each area including the external. At any time during operation hours there would be a number of key staff monitoring the security of the premises.

## **Timetable**

A proposed timetable is appended to this Statement.

It is proposed that on Saturday evenings there would be no more than six classes taking place at the School.

It is further proposed that during the proposed Sunday opening hours there would be no more than six classes taking place simultaneously.

## **Class Capacity**

Practical classes would be limited to sixteen students per teaching chef. All students would be over eighteen years of age.

## **Conclusions**

It is proposed that the varying of condition 2 to extend Le Cordon Bleu's weekend opening hours will enable the existing cooking school operation to more adequately meet the demands of its clientele. The proposed security and access arrangements will facilitate this extension in operating hours without compromising surrounding residential amenity.