

Minimum Standards Agreement

The minimum standards that York College expects of their homestay providers are set out below. These are informed by the National Minimum Standards for the residential care of young people by Further Education Colleges.

Students will also be informed of what is expected of them whilst living in York College homestay accommodation.

As a York College homestay host I agree to:

- Be kind, considerate and treat students with dignity and respect at all times
- Be polite and sensitive to the views of students
- Have clear and reasonable rules and make sure that expectations are understood
- Inform York College immediately when a student intends to move or return to their home country

I also agree to provide:

- A safe, secure, comfortable, clean and adequately heated home environment that is free of obvious health and safety hazards
- A clean, hygienic and appropriately sized bedroom (one student per bedroom) with space to study and adequate lighting
- A suitable bed (not a futon or camp bed, free from any damage)
- Storage space: adequate storage space for clothes, books and folders and the students own food (even if the majority of meals are provided by the host).
- Adequate lockable bathroom facilities, including a shower (or shower over a bath)
- Regular laundering of the students' clothes, bedding and towels or facilities for the students to launder their own clothes, bedding and towels.
- Internet access and a telephone enabling students to receive and make calls (should they need to, for example if their mobile is broken) on an 'at cost' basis.
- A key for the student(s) to access the home as they require
- Ample, healthy, nutritious and hygienically prepared meals
 - Breakfast and evening meal seven days a week
 - Lunch at weekends or when the student is not in college (bank holidays or training days)

Safeguarding checks/training

All residents of the homestay household aged over 18 will be required to complete a DBS check. They are also required to carry out safeguarding training.

Fire & Gas Safety

All homestay accommodation must comply with current law regarding the accommodation of paying guests. This includes the regular updating of gas safety certificates and fire risk assessments. This includes a requirement for smoke detectors on each floor of the house and a carbon monoxide detector as described in the homestay handbook.

Right to host By agreeing to host a student you are confirming that you have the right to do this whether you are the homeowner, or renting. In particular, any homestay provider who does not own their own home should check with their landlord before agreeing to take a student.

Inspections A representative from the International Team at York College will visit your property annually. Assessments will be recorded in writing and further discussion/action taken should any issues be identified. This is also an opportunity for you to provide feedback to the College on your hosting experience.

College Paperwork York College require that all homestay providers complete certain bits of paperwork annually, for example our hosting preferences form, contact details update and others. This is an important aspect of the role and will influence our ability to place students with you.

Feedback Homestay provider feedback will be requested at least once an academic year and student feedback more frequently. Any specific concerns identified will be discussed with the homestay provider and the student.

Cultural differences Homestay providers should be polite and sensitive to the views of others and at all times act as a considerate host. They should set clear and reasonable rules and ensure that these are understood.

Student arrivals and departure We request that you come to college to meet and collect your student when they first arrive. Thereafter you should discuss directly with the student their arrangements for departing in holidays or at the end of the academic year.

Student support During the students' settling in period we request that you support them in registering with your local GP, taking public transport and ensuring they know how to get around and particularly to and from college.

I understand and agree to uphold the above minimum standards as a homestay provider for York College. I also agree to follow the requirements established in the College's Homestay Handbook. I understand that this document will be revised annually and re-issued to hosts in advance of each academic year.

I will inform York College if at any time the accommodation I provide does not meet the required standards. I will contact York College if I have any concerns about the welfare or behaviour of any student in my care.

Lead Host Name _____ Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Resident Adult Name _____ Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

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