



Homestay Accommodation Code of Conduct

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Welcome to your homestay! Living in a homestay environment provides a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in local culture and customs. To ensure a harmonious stay for both you and your hosts, please adhere to the following guidelines, which reflect respect, consideration, and understanding:

Communication and Respect:

- **Understand and Respect House Rules:** Familiarise yourself with and respect your host's household rules. If anything is unclear, ask questions to gain a better understanding.
- **Express Gratitude:** Always say "please" and "thank you." These simple words go a long way in maintaining a positive relationship.
- **Notify of Absences:** Inform both the college and your host if you are unable to attend college or will be late returning to the homestay.
- **Engage with Meals:** Be punctual for meals and communicate if you expect to be late. Try the local cuisine offered to you—always taste before you decide it's not to your liking.
- **Participate in Household Chores:** Offer to assist with clearing the table and other light chores. This gesture helps strengthen your relationship with your host family.

Household Courtesy:

- **Maintain Cleanliness:** Keep your bedroom tidy and manage your belongings responsibly.
- **Decorate with Permission:** Consult your host before hanging posters or pictures in your room.
- **Report Damages Promptly:** Inform your host about any damage or breakage immediately. You may need to contribute towards repair or replacement costs.
- **Use Bathroom Considerately:** Limit your time in the bathroom and clean up after yourself. Always flush the toilet and use the bin for appropriate waste disposal.
- **Guest Policy:** Do not invite friends over without prior permission from your host. Remember, your host's agreement is to accommodate you, not additional guests.

Additional Guidelines:

- **Meal Arrangements:** Be aware that lunches will be provided during the Easter and Christmas holidays only. No lunches will be provided during the half-term breaks.
- **Be an Ambassador:** Represent yourself and your cultural background positively, contributing to a mutually enriching experience.
- **Privacy Respect:** Maintain a respectful distance and understanding towards the privacy needs of your host family.

Follow Local Laws and Regulations:

- **Abide by Laws:** Ensure that all your actions comply with local laws, particularly regarding noise, curfew, and legal restrictions.

Emergency Situations:

- **Know Emergency Procedures:** Familiarise yourself with emergency contact numbers and the household's protocol for emergencies.

By adhering to these guidelines, you help create a safe, enjoyable, and respectful environment for everyone involved. Enjoy your homestay, embrace new experiences, and build lasting friendships!

Sanctions for breaching the Homestay Code of Conduct may include:

- A reprimand and written warning
- A letter to parents and agents
- Exclusion from the next trip/ activity
- Exclusion from all trips/ activities
- Removal from the homestay
- Expulsion from college (in the most serious cases)

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Signed: _____