

# Example Code of Conduct for International Students

Living with a host family will give you a good introduction to life in the UK. A host family is not always two parents and children, by the way. Here are some guidelines for establishing and maintaining a good relationship with a host family:

1. **On arrival:** Your host might give you a set of keys and house guidelines which will include reference to the contents / facilities you can expect in the room and if you can install any equipment (e.g. electrical / gas appliances, extension leads, computers). Be careful with your house key, some locks can cost up to £50 to replace.
2. **Nights:** Your host family is in the property during the night for your entire stay. If you are going to be out overnight, let the host family know so they do not worry about you. You must follow any rules about times when you have to be home.
3. **Attachments to walls (posters):** Do not put pictures on the wall unless you have agreed this with your host family.
4. **Meal times:**
  - Your host family would have been given brief details about your cultural background. Tell your host about any foods you are forbidden to eat or cannot eat. Special arrangements have been made with host families for times like Ramadan.
  - Part of coming to England is to learn English and eating your evening meal with the host family is a good way of developing it. If you are not planning to eat a meal at home, let the host family know.
  - Be on time for meals, or contact if you are going to be late.
  - Cooking in rooms is not allowed because of fire insurance regulations.
  - Do not use the kitchen or help yourself to food unless you have agreed this with your host family.
5. **Cleaning:** The host family will carry out normal cleaning but you can help by keeping your room tidy, making your bed and leaving the bathroom clean and tidy after using it.
6. **Laundry:** Part of your accommodation payment is for your host family to do your laundry. Find out what the arrangements are and try and keep to them.
7. **Smoking:** If the host family has a NO SMOKING rule in the house please keep to it.
8. **Rent:** Your rent will normally be paid by you to the college and the college will pay your host family.

## 9. Behaviour:

- Do not wilfully damage the property. If you break or damage anything, tell your host family as soon as possible, and offer to pay for it.
- Treat your accommodation provider reasonably and with respect at all times. **REMEMBER** your customs and ways may not be acceptable in the UK.
- Do not carry out any illegal activities (e.g. underage drinking or using drugs). They would be grounds for instant dismissal from the accommodation and possibly jeopardise your stay in the UK.
- Do not act in a way that will affect the safety of the house, tenants or host family.
- Do not leave lights, electric fires or heaters on when you are out. If you are cold, ask for extra blankets or heating in your room.

10. **Telephone:** Ask before you use the telephone.

**If you are unhappy with something, please discuss it with your host family. If the problem continues, speak to your tutor or contact at the organisation.**