



## Terms and Conditions of residency – Covid-19 Appendage

By ticking the required agreement box which directed you to this document, you agree to adhere to all guidelines stated and to follow all instructions asked of you by staff regarding matters that relate to the Covid-19 pandemic. The college may take disciplinary action against any student not following these rules.

The terms and conditions show our commitment to providing as safe an environment as possible however it can never be risk free. Our aim is to work together with our residents to maintain as safe an environment as possible.

When accepting these Covid-19 specific terms and conditions we request a high degree of personal responsibility and ask that you consider any current health conditions when joining us in residency.

### The purpose for this document

We want both students and parents to be aware of our enhanced procedures and the expectations we have of them during this time. Such procedures have been put in place to help with the prevention of contracting and transferring Coronavirus.

### Why are these measures important when looking at residency

Now more than ever we want residency to feel like home, and of course a huge part of feeling at home is to feel safe, comfortable and accepted.

For many of you this will be your first experience living in residential halls. Living in a large residential community will bring its own challenges and because of these challenges and the added concern of Coronavirus, we want to ensure that our residential community is stronger and more supportive than ever.

We ask that you work with us and commit to doing all you can to better protect and support the people that will become your **'student family'** over the coming year.

### Our New Normal

Below outline's several guidelines that have been put in place to further contribute to the safety of our students, staff and visitors.

**Please note that these guidelines are not exhaustive or permanent. Over time this document will be reviewed and restrictions may be lifted as soon as it is safe to do so.**

**One-way systems** – The college will be implementing a one-way system around the campus which will include all residential areas. This system needs to be followed to avoid unnecessary contacts and we ask you to follow this system whilst being mindful of the social distancing measures we all must follow.

**Sanitizing/cleaning hands regularly**– Extra sanitizing stations will be positioned around the college. This includes the Student Services office, the canteen and entrances and exits to hostel areas. You will be required to sanitize your hands wherever a station has been provided.

**Allocated W/C facilities** – To help further reduce the risk of transmission, each residential student will be allocated a W/C facility within their residential corridor. Please refrain from using any other facility.

#### **Household families – What does this mean?**

1. Our hostel corridors will be split in to families, approx. 6-12 people per corridor. Each corridor will be classed as a **'household'**. Each household will be expected to follow Government guidelines as you would in your own home. For example, if a member of your household contracts Coronavirus, everyone that resides in the household (on the same corridor) will be required to go into isolation. The duration of isolation will depend on government guidelines at the time of contraction. Students will not be permitted to leave their hostel corridor. They will be required to study remotely and meals will be provided at the corridor entry points. Please also note that despite full household isolation, any student that tests positive for coronavirus will be required to remain in their own room (if an ensuite room cannot be provided) for the duration of their isolation period, so to protect other members of their household.
2. Despite being grouped in to households, we still ask that students remain mindful of social distancing and avoid close contact with their housemates where possible.
3. Students will be required to keep distancing rules in place with anyone outside of their residential household. This includes partners, close friends, staff etc.
4. No-one outside of your household (excluding staff) are permitted to enter your hostel corridor.
5. Requests for changing households will only be granted, where possible, at the start of each term.

**Self-isolating following Travel from outside of the UK or from areas within the UK that are experiencing further Government enforced lockdowns** – Students are not permitted to reside onsite throughout these self-isolation periods. Therefore, if you live abroad and are required to self-isolate when entering the UK, or you live in an area of the UK that is experiencing an enforced government lockdown, you will be required to self-isolate at an alternative address for the full isolation period prior to moving in to our residential halls.

**Staggered meal times and Tea and Toast** – Each household will be required to attend mealtimes and Tea and Toast together at set times.

**Revised guest policy** – Until further notice, guests will not be permitted to socialize onsite.

**Returning home mid-term** – We ask that students only reside in one other household outside of residency. When returning to campus a verbal health check will be carried out by a staff member and any health concerns dealt with accordingly.

**Enrichment** – Our enrichment team will continue to run enrichment activities each week. The college will also be opening up curriculum areas at different times throughout the week, enabling residents to engage in extra curriculum activities outside of their allotted timetables.

**Adhering to the 11pm curfew (under 18's)** – All students under the age of 18 are required to be in their household corridors by 11pm and in their own rooms by Mid-night.

**Nightly registration** – We would like our under 18 residents to have a nightly check in with our residential staff team between 9pm and 10pm during our tea and toast service. This will be an opportunity for staff to give students a verbal health check and help students get to know staff as they settle in.

If a student reports any health concerns they will be dealt with accordingly.

This will be required of our under 18 students and will be reviewed as we move through the first half term.

**Signing in and out** –When leaving campus for any reason all our residents are required to sign in and sign out with a student services team member at the student services office.

If students are going to be away from campus overnight they are required to let staff know and also to leave their room card and key with a member of staff.

On signing in after time spent away from campus our team will conduct a verbal health check and any health concerns reported will be dealt with accordingly.

**Following government advise** – All students will be required to follow government guidelines when residing onsite. This includes, but not limited to, social distancing regulations, isolating when deemed necessary, and the participation of test and trace isolation.

**Face coverings** - We advise that all student bring a face covering with them when staying onsite. Students may be denied transportation, trip participation and more, if they cannot present a mask.

**Please see below Government Guidelines relating to Residential isolation procedures that we shall be adhering to until reviewed as well as guidance on face coverings.**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-isolation-for-residential-educational-settings>

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/coronavirus/ppe-face-masks/face-coverings-and-face-masks.htm>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/how-to-wear-and-make-a-cloth-face-covering/how-to-wear-and-make-a-cloth-face-covering>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/offices-and-contact-centres#offices-6-1>

