

STUDENT HOMESTAY APPLICATION FORM

First Name:

Surname:

Date of Birth:

Gender:

Male

Female

Nationality:

NTU I.D. Number:

Email:

Mobile:

Campus of study:

Accommodation Start date:

Accommodation Departure date:

Please any specific dietary requirement?

Do you smoke?

Yes

No

Would you live in a house where someone smokes?

Yes

No

Please provide details of any relevant disabilities or special requirements you have:

Additional information:

****Please note that there will be a £100 administration fee charged when you are allocated a place in Homestay accommodation***

****When completed please return to the Accommodation team, accommodation@ntu.ac.uk or Student Accommodation Services, Newton/Arkwright Link Building, Nottingham Trent University, Burton Street, Nottingham, NG1 4BU***

INFORMATION YOU MAY FIND USEFUL

Most homestay families and hosts live outside of the city centre, this means that you may choose to travel into University using public transport. Most buses leave the city centre approximately every 10 minutes.

A lot of houses will only have one bathroom, meaning you will share with other members of the family. Your host family will provide you with a clean room, bedding and towels (which will be changed weekly).

Breakfast and a cooked evening meal will be provided every day – if you do not require a meal at any point during your stay then please inform your host prior to meal times. If you are planning to get home late in the evenings then please inform your host, as they may worry about your whereabouts.

Some electrical appliances which are bought from other countries may not work in the UK. An adaptor may be required.

Please remember that the weather in the UK is very changeable, as such we suggest that you remember to dress appropriately. It is recommended that you take an umbrella when out, especially in the winter.

LIVING IN HOMESTAY ACCOMMODATION

What to expect when living with a homestay family

Living with a family in Nottingham, you will have the opportunity to practice your English. Each family is different and so the service each family provides will be different in detail. A family will not provide a hotel service. Your host(s) will try to make you feel welcome and comfortable, in return you should try to embrace the lifestyle as much as possible.

What is a homestay family

The word family can mean many different things to different people. You may stay with a family where there is a mother, father and children, or it may be a family where the children have grown up and left home, leaving the mother and father in the 'family home'. Other families may consist of a single person, working professionals or people of retirement age.

Family organisation

Often one or more members of the family may be employed either full-time or part-time, away from the family home. This means that family life is often hectic as everyone in the family has their own schedule to keep. You may find this off-putting to start with, but part of the enjoyment of living with a family is learning how to fit in with the activities and daily life of the people that you are living with. Work in the home is shared between the family members and is not just the task of one person.

Bathrooms

Most bathrooms will have a shower, or bath and a washbasin. It is usual to share the bathroom with other members of the family. Ask your homestay host about the morning routine, so that you will know when it is your turn to use the bathroom. Always leave the bathroom as you would wish to find it. Clean up any water or toiletries that you spill and remove your personal toiletries after use. One shower a day is regarded as normal, although there may be exceptions to this.

Meals

You can expect your homestay host to provide breakfast and evening meals from Monday to Friday and an additional light meal for lunch at weekends. If there are particular foods that you do not eat for religious reasons or particularly dislike then you should make your host aware of this prior to arrival and on your application form.

Food will vary according to the family. Some hosts will serve traditional British foods; others may also use recipes typical of other countries. Please be willing to try food which is new and different; this is all part of living in a new cultural environment. You can expect to be provided with a reasonably varied and nourishing diet.

Your family will tell you what times meals are usually served. You should tell them in advance if you think you will be late for a meal or will not require a meal. If you arrive late for meal times without prior notice your host may not be able to cater for you on those occasions.

Pets

It is a possibility that your host will have a pet. If you are opposed to this then please let us know so that we can place you with a Host who does not own a pet.

General

You will have a private room to sleep and work in. You will share other rooms and eat with the family. You can expect your room to be cleaned and your bedding changed once a week. However, your personal laundry is not necessarily included in your accommodation costs. Please discuss this with your host(s), some will make a small charge if they launder your clothes, others may show you how to use their washing facilities.

Complaints

If, during your stay, you have a problem with your accommodation, please discuss it first with your homestay host. They may be unaware of your problem and in most cases you will be able to overcome any problems by communicating with your host.

In the event that these problems are not resolved you can make a formal complaint to the accommodation team.