

## Accommodation for Students Aged Under 18

**Homestay** accommodation is compulsory for students aged under 18. Homestay involves living in a British home as a member of the household. Each student will have their own bedroom but will share common living areas and bathroom facilities with other members of the household. Please note that it is very unusual for average households to have en-suite bathrooms. Where there are en-suite bathrooms these usually only feature in the master bedroom, which would be used by the Host (house owner).

Although we do have some Homestay homes within walking distance of the College (less than 30 minutes' walk), many Homestay homes are located a short bus journey away. Students should expect to have to walk a short distance, or travel by bus to College, or a combination of both. Clear instructions on how to travel to and from College will be provided.



An example of a typical British house. Some are smaller than this; some are larger. This would be a 3-bedroom house.

All Hosts offer some inclusive meals. This might be just breakfast, or it might also include an evening meal and lunch at weekends. When students are at College, they can purchase lunch from the College Cafeteria, which offers a range of hot and cold meals and snacks.

The Homestay fees include all heating, lighting and water costs, as well as reasonable internet access (by "reasonable" we mean usual browsing, but not necessarily downloading films and other very large files).

A DBS (criminal records check) is always completed for all members of the Homestay household aged 18 or over, before we will place students in that household. We inspect all households annually to ensure the facilities they provide comply with College guidelines. We also take the student's preferences into account, and take care in placing students in suitable households - for example we would not usually place a female student in a household where there was a teenage boy.

Hosts play a key role in helping to support students and are encouraged to liaise with the International Office regarding any concerns related to students' health and wellbeing, or behaviour. This helps us to pick up any problems quickly and support students to deal with them. We also enforce a curfew, which is a set time by which students under 18 are supposed to be home if they are going out at night, and parents' consent is required if a student wishes to stay away from their Homestay home overnight or to go away on a short holiday with friends. So parents can be reassured we have measures in place to keep their son or daughter safe.

Please note that students are not usually supervised when travelling to and from College, and during their free time in the evening and at weekends if they choose to go out with friends. But when going out, they are required to inform their Hosts of where they are going and with whom, and of the time they intend to return. Students must also maintain contact with the Host whilst they are out. An 'Out of Hours' support service is provided by the International Office for Hosts or students who require help in an emergency.

We are unable to allow students under the age of 18 to live independently in student accommodation, but living in Homestay really is a great opportunity to experience British life and culture, as well as helping students to improve their English! See what one of our former students thinks overleaf...



*Antony from Hong Kong lived in Homestay whilst studying an International Foundation Programme at the College. He found it to be a fantastic experience. He commented: “My Host mother, who is June, was just like my second mother in another country. She took care of me a lot. It seems like I’m staying in my home, which is really sweet!”*

## Homestay Fees

Bed, breakfast and evening meal with lunch at weekends	£130 per week
Bed and breakfast only	£ 85 per week
Holiday periods, when returning home for the holiday (e.g. Christmas)	£ 50 per week
Deposit	£250
This will be held by the College and will be returned at the end of the stay providing no damage is caused to the house or Host’s property by the student.	

## Money for living expenses and other items

Please also make sure you have sufficient money for travel to and from College, especially if you will need to take a bus.

UK Visas & Immigration require students applying for a Tier 4 General Student Visa to have a minimum of £820 per month for each month of their course, up to a maximum of 9 months (up to £7,380 in total), available in their bank account to cover living expenses. This includes accommodation, food and travel. This is called “maintenance” and you will get points for maintenance when applying for your visa.

For full details of the maintenance requirements please visit:

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-application-for-uk-visa-as-tier-4-student](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-application-for-uk-visa-as-tier-4-student)

## How to Book and Pay for Your Accommodation

- Each student should complete an ‘Accommodation Booking Form - Under 18’, which should be returned to the International Office at the same time as accepting the course offer. Please email the form to: [marlys.murray@centralnottingham.ac.uk](mailto:marlys.murray@centralnottingham.ac.uk) with a copy to: [international@centralnottingham.ac.uk](mailto:international@centralnottingham.ac.uk)
- An offer of accommodation will be sent to you within 5 working days of the ‘Accommodation Request Form’ being received.
- The deposit will then need to be paid to reserve the place. Deposits for Homestay should be paid to the College. The bank details will be shown in your accommodation offer letter.
- When your visa is granted, please tell us. We can then provide final confirmation of your accommodation, issue the relevant contracts for signing and advise you on how to pay the remaining accommodation fees.
- Please don’t forget to confirm your arrival details so we can notify the Homestay Host of the date and time that you will be arriving. We need to receive your full flight details at least one week before you travel so we can book your **free airport pick-up**. This is very important so we can make sure a taxi is at the airport to collect you, and so you can relax knowing someone will be waiting for you.

## Any questions?

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