

FIRST NIGHT WITH YOUR HOST FAMILY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. What do I call you? Mum, Dad or use of first names?
2. What am I expected to do in and about the house **daily** other than:
 - ✓ Make by bed
 - ✓ Keep my room tidy
 - ✓ Cleaning the bathroom after use?

Bedroom

3. Do I need to purchase any coat hangers or are there enough for my use?
4. Where do I clean my shoes?
5. Am I permitted to put up pictures, posters etc. in my bedroom? If so, how and are there any restrictions on what I may put up?
6. May I rearrange my bedroom?
7. Where can I store my suitcases etc.?
8. Will this be a personal space which I can call my own?

Bathroom

9. What is the most convenient time for me to use the shower/bath?
10. Where may I keep my personal bathroom toiletries?
11. May I use the family soap, shampoo, toothpaste etc.?

Meals/Kitchen

12. What are the meal times?
13. What can I do to assist at meal times:
 - Set the table?
 - Clean away after the meal?
 - Help with the washing up?
 - Pack the dishwasher?
 - Dry the dishes?
 - Put away the dishes?
 - Empty the garbage bin?
14. At other times, may I help myself to food and drink (non-alcoholic) at any time?
15. Is it permissible for me to join you in having a wine or drink at dinner with you?
16. What are the arrangements for lunch at school?
If I take my lunch, do I make it or do you?
If I buy lunch, who pays?
17. If the student has any special dietary requirements, they should be mentioned now.

Laundry/washing/cleaning

18. What do I do with my dirty clothes until washing?
19. Should I wash my own underwear?
20. Do I need to do my own ironing?

21. May I use the washing machine or iron at any time and do I need to ask first?
22. Do you wish me to clean my room / change bed linen? When is convenient?

Household rules/lifestyle

23. Are there any areas of the house strictly private e.g. bar, office/study?
24. Is it permissible for me to use any household tools/equipment e.g. sewing machine, workshop tools?
25. What are your rules for me about alcohol?
26. What times do I need to be out of bed
 - on school mornings?
 - on weekends?
 - during holidays?
27. What time is bedtime and "lights out"?
28. What are the rules for me going out at night
 - during the week?
 - during the weekend?
29. What time should I be home at night? (special occasions by special arrangements)
30. How often may I go out during the week?
Should I phone if I am going to be late home?
If so, after how long - 10, 15, 20 minutes?
31. May I have friends visit during the day? To stay overnight?
(Opposite sex should not visit if host parents are not present).
32. May I use the TV and sound system at any time?
How loud should the sound system be?

Telephone, internet and mail

33. What are the rules about the use of the telephone?
Must I ask first to use the telephone?
34. What are the rules regarding the making of local calls?
35. What are the rules for the making of overseas calls?
Should I keep a log of the calls made?
[A student should pay for all overseas calls made]
36. What are the rules about the use of the computer and internet?
37. Do you have skype, or unlimited download time?
38. What is the procedure for mailing letters?
39. What address do I use for my incoming mail?

Schools and Transport

40. What is the method by which I get to and from school?
41. What forms of public transport are available to me?

Likes and Dislikes

42. Do you, as Host Parents, have any dislikes e.g. chewing gum, inappropriate dress at meal times, music being played too loudly?
43. Is there anything you would like me NOT to do?

44. What likes and dislikes do my host brothers/sisters have?

Family

45. What dates are the birthdays of my Host Parents and my Host brothers and sisters?

46. If we go out as a family, who pays such things as entrance fees, tickets, meals etc.?

[47. - if applicable - Please tell me how to interact with the house servants?]

48. Is there anything else you would like me to know?