



## LEARNER HOMESTAY ACCOMMODATION

### GUIDELINES

#### Safeguarding and Well-being

S&B is fully committed to ensuring your safety and well-being during your stays with us.

All staff has received training on Safeguarding for young people. It is important that you make your lecturer or any other member of staff aware if you have any concerns.

Your homestay provider will have been carefully vetted and a DBS / CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) check has been carried out on all providers and Academy staff.

All homestays provide S&B with annual Landlord Gas Safety Certificates and a copy of their household insurance.

To ensure that you gain the full benefits of your Homestay accommodation we would like you to observe a few simple points:

#### First few days

During the first few days it is important to remember that there is a settling in period.

It may seem strange and unusual as it takes time to feel at home and adapt to new surroundings and for you and your Homestay to get used to living with each other. It is at this time you should discuss matters which you feel will make your stay more comfortable this will also prevent misunderstandings later on. If in doubt, ask.

#### Meals and provision

Your homestay is expected to provide you with a breakfast i.e. cereal, toast, tea, coffee etc, (not a cooked breakfast) and a hot evening meal. Lunch can be purchased at the Academy where there is a café offering hot and cold food throughout the day. Homestay providers will provide towels please ask if they have not been left out for you. Your homestay is not expected to do any washing for you.

#### Your first night

We would suggest you discuss the following with your Homestay provider.

- Mealtimes and dietary requirements, likes/dislikes
- Buses to the Academy / surrounding area.
- Escape route in case of fire.
- Local shops and amenities.



- Expected times to be home.
- Use of any electronic equipment, yours and theirs.
- Use of the bathroom, towels etc.
- Locking up the house/setting alarms. (not all Homestays provide keys)

### Communication

It is a good idea to exchange telephone numbers with your Homestay Provider on the first night of your stay, that way you are both contactable.

If you have to return home for any reason, during your block training, please inform your Employer, the Academy and your Homestay Provider.

If you are ill during your block and un-able to attend lessons please let your Homestay Provider know and make sure you inform your Employer and the Academy of your absence before 9.00 am on each day of your absence.

If you are going out straight from the Academy let your Homestay Provider know in advance and also tell them whether you require an evening meal.

Please show respect to your Homestay Provider and their household. This includes being polite, helpful and keeping noise levels reasonable.

### Behaviour

Please keep reasonable hours. If you wish to stay out late or have friends round talk this through first with your Homestay Provider. *Regardless of your age your homestay provider has a duty of care for you whilst you are staying with them, please respect this and be considerate and remember you have to be in college in the morning and they most likely have to be in work.*

### Accidents

Let your Homestay Provider know if you break anything as you may be asked to pay for any damages you have caused during your stay. Also let them know if you have any accidents and offer to clean up any mess you have made.

Finally this will be different from living at home therefore consideration and understanding from everyone will always make things run smoothly.

Talking issues through with your Homestay Provider is always the best way to resolve any problems or misunderstandings however if you feel this is not possible please let us know and we will endeavour to resolve them.