



Homestay Providers

Accommodating our International Students

Become a homestay

We are recruiting local Homestay Providers or Host Families to provide clean, comfortable accommodation for our international students throughout the year.

Our students are looking for a variety of single, twin or triple placements in a friendly environment where they are welcomed as part of the household and can settle in quickly and easily.

We also believe that education and cultural experiences continue outside the classroom and our Homestay Providers and Host Families are carefully selected to provide pastoral support at home.

About the house

Concorde International is Accredited by British Council and hosts need to follow certain guidelines

Your accommodation

- Maximum 4 students per house
- Adequate bathrooms for the household
- No bunk beds for ages 14+
- Adequate storage / wardrobes and shelves
- Maximum 3 students per bedroom

Basic Requirements	Junior Students	Adult Students 18+	Group Leaders
Maximum number to host in the property	4	4	4
Maximum per bedroom	2*	3*	1 or 2
Bunk Beds, standard size	Age 13 and under	Not suitable	Not suitable
Adult bunk beds	Yes	Yes	Not suitable
Folding beds	Yes (max 1 week)	No	No
Wardrobe / hanging rail	Yes	Yes	Yes
Drawers / Storage	Yes	Yes	Yes
Desk, chair, lamp	Not essential	Yes	Yes
House keys	No	Recommended	Recommended
Bedroom door locks	Not essential	Recommended	Recommended
Small safe / lockable storage	Recommended	Recommended	Recommended

*We can accommodate up to 4 students in a large bedroom as long as the students, parents, agents agree to this in writing. You cannot put (for example) 2 Spanish and 2 Japanese in the same bedroom without informing the clients. For school groups, it is not recommended that you put (for example) 4 X Italian in the same house unless we have consent from the client – ok for ministays and groups as long as we have agreement. I have added another row to clarify the bunk beds in more detail.

Student bedrooms

Homestay accommodation is all about providing a home environment for our students

1. Maximum occupancy 4 students per house



You can accommodate a MAXIMUM 4 students per house, regardless of how many spare rooms you have. This is a British Council condition.

The reason for this is that students (and their parents!) are looking for a home environment, not a hostel or home of multiple occupancy. If there are too many students in the same house the home environment and interaction between hosts and students is significantly reduced.

Depending on the size of the bedrooms, you can accommodate up to 3 international students at the same time in the same bedroom.

2. Bedrooms for children and teenagers



Each student needs their own bed, whether this is a single or double.

You cannot have two children sharing a double bed unless this has been approved by your Homestay Organisers.

While Z-beds or folding beds can take up less space when not being used, they are not very comfortable and students will compare if they are sharing a room.

Each bedroom needs to have a wardrobe for hanging up clothes and a chest of drawers or bedside table with storage for other items. Some younger students staying on shorter courses do not 'unpack' and tend to keep everything in their suitcases. However, we recommend that you encourage your students to unpack on arrival as this helps to set a standard of being tidy and clean throughout their stay. Everything should have a place!

3. Bunk Beds for ages 13 and under only



Bunk beds can only be used for children aged 13 and under.

Even if you have two sets of bunk beds in one room (i.e. total 4 beds) you can still only accommodate 3 students per room so one of the beds will remain unoccupied.

Again, these are British Council conditions which must be adhered to.

4. Bedrooms for Adult Students aged 16+



For longer term students, including ALL ADULT STUDENTS, each bedroom needs a desk and a chair with sufficient lighting for them to be able to study. Most adult students tend to stay for longer periods so they need to be comfortable and be able to complete homework and self-study.

5. House keys and security



We do not recommend giving house keys to children aged 15 and under.

Someone should always be at home to meet the children after school and let them in.

Older students, adult students and Group Leaders can be given keys if you prefer. If you provide a set of keys please inform them that there will be a charge for replacements if they lose them.

Bedroom doors - older students and Group Leaders like their privacy so a lock on the bedroom door is good idea, especially if you have 2 or more students staying with you.

You might also want to provide a small safe or lockable drawer / cupboard for students to store their money, passports and valuables.

6. WIFI



Our students usually bring their own mobile phones, iPads or laptops and will expect to be able to use your home WiFi to communicate with family back home.

If you are hosting children you need to ensure the web-filtering is set so that they cannot access any inappropriate websites. Most WiFi providers will have multiple settings for adults and children.

Food

- Breakfast
- Packed lunch
- Dinner - this is the most important meal of the day and provides an opportunity for students to get to know you

Remember to ask the students to help you with food preparation and with the washing up!

You will need to provide breakfast and dinner for everyone.

Junior students and Group Leaders require a packed lunch each day.

Adult students may or may not require a packed lunch, we will advise you when we allocate students to you.

We will also inform you if any students have any dietary requirements /allergies etc.

Meal times are the perfect opportunity to sit and talk with your students to find out about their day, their likes and dislikes and for them to get to know you.

1. Breakfast



All students and Group Leaders will need a good breakfast to start the day.

We recommend:

- Breakfast cereals
- Orange juice
- Toast
- Tea / coffee / milk
- English breakfast once a week (for the experience!)

2. Packed Lunch



All children and teenagers will require a packed lunch each day to take to school and on excursions.

We recommend:

- Filled roll or baguette (sandwiches not usually popular!)
- Bag of crisps
- Bottle of water (they can refill this at school) or juice
- Biscuit or small cake bar or yoghurt
- One or two pieces of fruit

3. Evening meal



At the end of a busy day students need a good healthy meal and an opportunity for everyone to sit down and eat together. This really is the most important meal of the day and students should never eat on their own.

This is also an opportunity for students to sample typical British food so try to prepare the following during their stay:

- Traditional fish and chips
- Shepherd's pie / Cottage pie
- Curry - UK's number 1 food!
- Sausages and mash potato
- Pizza or pasta bake
- Roast dinner, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes and the trimmings!

Always ask the students to help you with preapring the food, laying the table and washing up afterwards. They are part of the family and should be given basic chores to do, not to be waited on as they would be in a restaurant.

Meals	Junior Students	Adult Students	Group Leaders
Breakfast	Yes	Yes	Yes
Packed Lunch	Yes	No	Yes
Hot Lunch at home	Check programme	Check programme	Check programme
Evening meal	Yes	Yes	Yes
Snack on arrival day	Yes	Yes	Yes
Packed lunch on departure	Yes	Yes	Yes

Special dietary requirements

Vegetarian

Vegan

Gluten Free / Celiac

Halal meat

Allergies / medical needs

Where students have any special requirements we will discuss this with you. We appreciate that certain specialist foods are more expensive and we will be happy to pay a supplement for this. Our Homestay Organisers will discuss this individually when allocating students to you.

4. Student Questionnaire on arrival day

We will give you a copy of our student questionnaire with some pictures for each student on arrival day. Use this as an opportunity to get to know your students and find out about their favourite foods and also like what they don't like.

This is a good ice-breaker for the students and an opportunity for you to get to know them. You can also check to see if they are taking any medication or have any allergies in case they were not disclosed at the time of booking.

5. Family birthdays and celebrations



We all have family get-togethers, birthdays and celebrations and your international students will love to be a part of that.

Some hosts also get together with other hosts and their students once a week for a BBQ or a family pub lunch or fish and chips on the beach.

The most important thing is that students are treated as part of your family and they have the opportunity to spend time with you and learn about British culture.

Legal requirements

- Smoke alarms fitted
- Gas Safety Certificate (if you have gas in your home)
- Fire risk assessment (we will help you)
- DBS police checks on household to include all family members

Locations

1. Canterbury



Our year round school in the city centre welcomes international children and teenagers throughout the year. Many students come for one and two week courses while other students stay for longer. We are very busy in July, August, September, October, February, March and April each year and many of our clients return each year because of the high standards of accommodation provided by our Homestay hosts.

We welcome applicants from all areas in Canterbury and surrounding villages including Bridge, Littlebourne, Sturry, Hersden, Wingham, Aylesham, Harbledown and Rough Common. Our local Homestay Organisers would love to hear from you on 01227 451035 or please email us homestay@concorde-int.com.

2. Folkestone



We are looking for families in the Folkestone area to accommodate our summer school students at East Kent College on Shorncliffe Road. The dates for this summer are from 21st June to 29th August 2020. Students usually travel and from school either by walking or by local bus. Hosts that can take their students to and from school each day receive an extra payment to cover fuel costs.

We are looking for families especially in Cheriton, Hawkinge, Hythe, Capel-le-Ferne and surrounding villages. Our local Homestay Organiser would love to hear from you so please contact us on 07946 652927 or at our Head Office on 01227 451035 or homestay@concorde-int.com.

3. Ashford



In July we open up our summer school at Ashford School on East Hill for children aged 8-17 in the school residence. We also accommodate children aged 10-17 in Homestay in the surrounding areas as well as in Kingsnorth, Willesborough, Kennington and Park Farm. We also accommodate students at the local primary and secondary schools throughout the year on our Buddy Programmes.

Please contact our local organiser on 07557 508326 for more information or contact us at Head Office on 01227 451035 or by email homestay@concorde-int.com.

4. Rochester



In July we open up our summer school at King's School on King Edward Road for children aged 8-17 in the school residence. We also accommodate children aged 10-17 in Homestay in the surrounding areas as well as in Chatham, Hoo, Gillingham, Rainham and other Medway towns. Homestay students are taken to and from school by host families. We also accommodate students at the local primary and secondary schools throughout the year on our Buddy Programmes.

Please contact our local organiser on 07758098501 for more information or contact us at Head Office on 01227 451035 or by email homestay@concorde-int.com.

5. Bath



In July we open up our summer school at Kingswood School on Lansdown Road for children aged 8-17 in the school residence. We also accommodate children aged 12-17 in Homestay in the surrounding areas. Homestay students are taken to and from school by host families.

Please contact us for more information at Head Office on 01227 451035 or by email homestay@concorde-int.com.

Home Environment

Day in the life of a host family

Morning



Make sure the students are out of bed on time

Make breakfast and talk with the students before school

Ensure the students know how to get to school either by walking or by using the local bus

Afternoon



School finishes at 4.30pm

Half day excursions finish at 6.30pm

Students will either walk or take the public bus home from school unless other arrangements have been made with our homestay department.

Evening



Have dinner with your students, while having conversation about them and their day.

Students enjoy spending time with you so maybe play a board game or have a family film night

Students may want to visit their friends, this must be agreed with our homestay department in advance

Weekend



Students sometimes have excursions at the weekend that are arranged by Concorde International. If they do not they will spend the day with you as part of your family.

General



Arrivals - Meet your students and take them back to your house. It is a good idea to show them the route to school and where bus stops are on your way home.

Departures - Take your students to the meeting point with their luggage and say your goodbyes. Try to make sure the students have all of their belongings with them especially their passport!