

UNDER 18'S POLICY – STUDENTS IN ACCOMMODATION

The under 18's policy will apply to students housed in University owned or managed accommodation whose 18th birthday falls after the first day of the Residence Agreement of their year of entry to the University.

This document should be read in conjunction with the University Policy on the Admission of Students Under the Age of 18.

The University cannot assume parental responsibility for a student under the age of 18. Students and their families should bear in mind that the University is an adult environment. Students are expected to behave like adults and assume an adult level of responsibility. Students are expected to have the necessary skills to live independently alongside people from a wide variety of backgrounds.

This policy will cease to apply to students once they reach their 18th birthday.

Both the student and their parent/guardian or guarantor must sign a declaration that they agree to the exchange of information on the under 18 student referred to below before an offer of accommodation can be made.

Arrangements during the Academic Year

The University will:

- House all students who meet the requirements of the University's allocation policy in university owned or managed accommodation
- Integrate students who are under 18 with those who are over 18
- Allocate students ensuite accommodation unless otherwise requested
- Provide relevant training for all staff with regular access to student accommodation
- Provide a named person within the Accommodation team who will act as the point of contact for the student and their parent or guardian.
- Arrange a meeting in the first two weeks of Semester 1 with each student whose 18th birthday falls after the start of the academic year. The named contact will conduct the meeting to discuss the general transition from home life to university accommodation and check on general well-being. A further meeting will then be arranged before Christmas.

- Arrange further follow up meetings where required by the student.
- Promptly inform the student's parent/guardian if the University becomes aware that student is
 - In rent arrears of one term or more
 - In serious breach of the Residence Agreement invoking disciplinary procedures
- In all cases, the University will encourage a student to involve a parent/guardian where appropriate. However, the University will take a student's request for confidentiality and the student's welfare as paramount

The University will not:

- Carry out DBS checks or provide training for university staff or contractors carrying out work within residences. All individuals will however carry identification and, with the exception of an emergency situation, complete all works between 9.00am and 5.00pm
- Carry out any checks other than those mentioned above, on under 18's living in University owned or managed accommodation.
- Insist on re-arranging the initial contact meeting if the student confirms that they do not need the meeting.
- Act in Loco Parentis
- Monitor computer use

Students' responsibility in accommodation

Students will:

- Provide the name and address of a parent/guardian who will be the University's point of contact if required
- Abide by the terms and conditions of the Residence Agreement from the point of accepting an accommodation offer.