

Shared Living Agreement

A **Shared Living Agreement** is a set of 'rules' that you, as a house or flat, have agreed to follow for the year to avoid any potential tensions and to get the most out of living with each other. The Shared Living Agreement includes preferences on how you are going to use the shared spaces, keep your accommodation clean and tidy, as well as general rules for living together and how you will resolve any conflict.

It is helpful to have these conversations early as it can be a great opportunity to get to know who you're living with better and discuss your expectations. Coming to an agreement may mean making compromises, so make sure you are ready to make some sacrifices. It is important that everyone is comfortable living in their accommodation.

Your Student Living team will be given a copy of your Shared Living Agreement. They will use this to support you in your accommodation and help you, as a household, maintain a clean and useable space you are proud to live in.

To submit your Shared Living Agreement scan the below QR code or visit the link below to complete the form.

<https://forms.office.com/r/ujizybqLB2>

The deadline for the completed agreement is 8 October.

Remember to include your accommodation building, number and all your housemate names.



Living Together

Living in student accommodation is a great part of University life – but it doesn't come without some challenges. It is important to remember it is normal to disagree and fall out. Everyone is different, with individual personalities, likes and dislikes.

Communication is the most important tool in your house or flat – be open to discussing tensions and finding solutions.

6 easy ways to get on with your housemates



Clean up after yourself.



Be respectful of other people's belongings.



Share fridge/freezer and kitchen cupboard space fairly.



Don't take other people's food, it will always be noticed and is a sure way to annoy your housemates.



Be mindful if you are awake early or late.



If you have a problem, talk to your housemate – and not behind their back.

Your accommodation will have a Student Living Ambassador to help you get the most out of living here. The Student Living Ambassadors are friendly faces to help with any queries or concerns you may have, as well as running social activities and making sure you're aware of the latest events and updates.

The Student Living Ambassadors will regularly check-in with you and your flatmates via Microsoft Teams calls.

However, if you need help or advice with life in halls, you can schedule a one-to-one call with a Student Living Ambassador at any time by contacting livingsupport@bath.ac.uk.

When discussing your Shared Living Agreement consider the following:

- 1 How are you going to maintain a good standard of cleanliness? Is it an individual's responsibility or something you work together on. Do you need a rota?
- 2 How do you want to use the communal areas?
- 3 Can you leave personal belongings in communal areas?
- 4 Do you want any shared amenities in your accommodation? How are you going to pay for these?
- 5 Should the dining table always be kept clear?
- 6 Is it ok to have guests over?
- 7 Is it ok to host parties? Who is responsible for cleaning up after?
- 8 When should it be quiet?
- 9 How do you want to resolve conflict?

There may be other areas you want to discuss that will be individual to your house or flat, these can also be included in your Shared Living Agreement.

Cleanliness

Keeping on top of the cleaning shouldn't take ages and should quickly become part of your weekly routine. Maintaining a good level of cleanliness will help our staff to deliver a good service when cleaning your accommodation.



You will find a cleaning pack and instructions for use in your kitchen. Scan the QR code for more instructions and tips from our Student Living team on keeping your accommodation clean.

Code of Practice

The University of Bath, along with the majority of Higher Education establishments, has signed up to the '*Universities UK/ Standing Conference of Principals (SCOP) Code of Practice for the Management of Student Housing*'.

This outlines best practice and provides benchmarks for the management and quality of student housing in the sector and is supported by your Shared Living Agreement.

We're here for you

Starting life at University can come with new challenges. That's why we're here to help. There is plenty of support within our team, someone is always there and ready to talk. Please reach out. You are not alone.

Student Living Support
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The Student Living Support team is here to support your transition into University accommodation, by developing a sense of community, connecting you with key services, and helping you with any issues or welfare needs while you're living with us.

Security
+441225 385349.

Our Security teams works closely with Student Services to provide you with help and support and are available 24 hours, 7 days a week.

Student Living Operations
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operations@bath.ac.uk

Your accommodation has a Student Living Operations team that is available to support with day to day living, maintenance enquiries and help with cleaning. Look out for the Who's Who poster displayed in your kitchen.