

Robinson College

Visitors and Guests Policy effective 17 May 2021 **Updated 19 July 2021**

NB: This policy is subject to updating should developments of the pandemic change and/or differing national, local or College control measures be applied. The policy will apply from 17th May 2021 until Government Step 4, which is currently expected to occur on 21 June 2021.

Government Advice:

Government guidance for meeting people who you do not live with can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/meeting-friends-and-family-covid-19>

In summary –

- You can meet up to 30 people outdoors, and up to six people or one other household indoors. [There are some exemptions](#).
- You must not interact with anyone outside of your own group (of 30 people outdoors or six people indoors).
- Government guidance remains that you should stay 2 metres apart from anyone who is not in your household or support bubble where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place (such as wearing face coverings) if you cannot stay 2 metres apart.
- As we proceed down the roadmap and as vaccination protects more of the population, the emphasis will shift from government rules to personal responsibility. So instead of instructing you to stay 2m apart away from anyone you don't live with, you will be encouraged to exercise caution and consider the risks.
- From 17 May, if you are meeting friends and family, you can make a personal choice on whether to keep your distance from them, but you should still be cautious. This advice applies to everyone, including people who are [clinically extremely vulnerable](#) where separate guidance applies.

College Policy:

The safety of College members depends on adherence to the Government guidance.

Therefore, College policy is as follows:

What constitutes a visitor?:

Anyone you do not live with, including:

- Robinson students from other households,
- non-Robinson members and
- members of your own family should be regarded as a visitor in your College household.

Advice on visitors to College's non-residential areas:

- ~~Please keep visitors to the minimum and only invite them where necessary.~~
- No student visitors permitted
- Outdoors in the College gardens but excluding the lawns at 2 Sylvester Road, you may gather in a group of up to 30 people from different households while retaining two-metre social distancing. **However please be aware of the need for quiet during Quiet Period.**
- In indoor communal areas, for example in the Garden Restaurant, JCR, RBCB, local social distancing instructions should be observed.
- Work-related in-person meetings with visitors in non-communal areas should take place only when absolutely necessary and be in line with the College's risk assessments.

Advice on visits to households in College accommodation areas:

- No visitors of overnight guests permitted in student accommodation.
- ~~Your household can host a visit from one other household at any one time provided social distancing is maintained (or the gathering may total up to 6 people).~~
- ~~You should keep a list of your visitors in the preceding 21 days for Test and Trace purposes.~~
- ~~You will need to liaise as a household group to minimise the number of visitors to your accommodation areas. It is important to avoid having visitors from multiple households visit your own household at the same time; consider using group chats to coordinate visits—especially for larger households.~~
- You may not hold or attend group celebrations/parties/gatherings of any size where it's difficult to maintain social distancing.

Advice on Visits to communal areas or households in other colleges:

- Always check with your host on local rules before visiting another College.
- Only stay with friends or relations away from your college accommodation when absolutely necessary.
- Only stay overnight away from your college household with members of one other household (social distancing must be maintained) and keep a list of people you stayed with in the preceding 21 days for Test and Trace purposes.
- Undergraduates should discuss any planned Term-time absence from Cambridge with their Tutor in advance.

Monitoring and Enforcement:

We all need to be aware that the COVID-19 safety measures are designed to look after the health of those in our community most susceptible to infectious diseases. While many of us may feel that we are not members of the groups most likely to be affected by COVID-19, if our behaviour increases the risks for others, that behaviour is dangerous. Accordingly, we all need to be conscious of our actions and omissions, and to consider their likely impact upon others. The safety measures in College are designed to allow us to return to normal as soon as possible and the evidence indicates that this goal is being achieved.

- College does not have the resources or the inclination to “police” this policy in a painstaking way.
- However, Porters and other staff will react as necessary where infringements of the policy become evident and complaints are received.
- Largely, it is the College's expectation that students will be self-policing and demonstrative of a caring and communal spirit.
- Undue peer pressure on fellow students to accept infringements of this policy and/or pressure to remain silent is unacceptable.
- Annex 1 to the Code of Discipline will be applied where egregious behaviour is evident in respect of this policy.

College Officers

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