
At the time of writing in May 2021, government restrictions are slowly being eased in the UK and so at the moment the best advice we can give is outlined below but this is subject to change as we do not know what the situation will be in September 2021.

If I am offered a room, accept the offer by paying a deposit and then am unable to take up the offer of accommodation due to Coronavirus reasons, will I lose my deposit?

We will look at the situation sympathetically and will consider refunding your deposit in full.

Will I be able to quarantine in my room?

We will not be able to house you any earlier than the start date of your contract but if you need to self-isolate when you enter the country and arrive in halls, you will be able to self-isolate in your bedroom.

Can I have guests/visitors?

Yes, you are allowed to have guests but this will depend on what part of the World they are visiting from and if they have to follow any quarantine restrictions.

Also, if your guests have any Covid-19 symptoms prior to their planned visit, they must not enter your flat.

Can family and friends come along to help me move in?

At the moment, it is likely friends and family can come along you to help you move in. There might be some social distancing rules in play so please follow the rules as you enter the building.

What measures will you be taking to ensure social distancing?

In September, it is likely we will still be displaying signage around the building and all residents will be encouraged to follow the information provided in the building.

If there are occasions where somebody might be too close to you, we want you to feel confident to ask somebody to keep their distance.

When coming and going from staircases, please ensure you let people come up or down without passing each other on the stairs. When coming and going from the building, please remember to social distance.

It is important to remember that within flats, residents might still have to try their best to social distance.

Will you be providing hand sanitiser, face masks and cleaning products for residents?

We will provide hand sanitiser in the communal areas of the building. We believe residents will be used to providing their own masks but masks will be available if you require one. Also, at the beginning of term, we will provide your flat with anti-bacterial products for the kitchen and shower room.

What happens if I need to cancel my accommodation contract for Covid-related reasons after I have moved in?

It depends what the reason is. If it is directly health-related, we would look at the situation sympathetically. As the government guidelines are likely to always be updated, we will be reviewing the situation regularly.

What happens if I or other people in the building/flat show Covid symptoms?

It is really important that the resident informs us of this and also contacts the NHS Covid Helpline 119. The resident must self-isolate. It will then be helpful if friends/flatmates can liaise with that person to help them, if necessary with food deliveries, etc.

What happens if other people in the building/flat are diagnosed with Covid?

We will seek appropriate guidance at the time and provide information to those in the building who need to be contacted. Again, we must be informed and the person must self-isolate?

If I have to self-isolate, how will I be able to get food provisions?

Before you arrive, it will be a great idea to register for online shopping with a local supermarket as you might want to use them during the term anyway.

There are some contact details below:

Tesco <https://www.tesco.com>

Iceland <https://www.iceland.co.uk>

Sainsbury <https://www.sainsburys.co.uk>

If I have to self-isolate, how can I use the kitchen, shower and toilet in the building?

You will still be able to use the communal areas. You will just need to make sure that you enter the areas when nobody else is present and make sure you clean and sanitise the areas you have used and wherever possible, open windows for ventilation.

If you have the symptoms and are not well, we will advise you as the best procedures at the time.

How will I be able to collect any parcels delivered to me?

Parcels can be collected from our office. Residents will just need to be aware of social distancing guidelines.

Will I be able to use the laundrette?

Yes, we will dedicate certain hours in the week when only those who are self-isolating can use the laundrette.

What do I do if have a maintenance issue?

Please email us and we will then arrange a time for us to carry out the work. Our Maintenance staff will then need to work with you. If it is a repair in a kitchen, shower room or bedroom, it will be best if residents exit these areas whilst the repair is undertaken.

Can I pay my rent by coming to the office?

Whilst we would love to see you, please pay your rent online through the account you have with us. We want to avoid cash payments so would encourage online card payments for rent and if this not possible, we can provide you with our bank details to enable you to transfer your rent.

What happens if I have a problem and I need to talk to a member of staff?

You can still do this by coming to the office. The best way to do this is to call or email us and we can then arrange to meet whilst still following our social distancing guidelines.