

Communication to students – March 2021

Following the Government's announcement of its roadmap for easing lockdown restrictions, we look forward to welcoming more students back to our halls of residence, in line with the new guidance.

More than 60% of our usual number are now back in Host accommodation across the country and we hope the Government's next review of arrangements, currently scheduled to take place by the end of the Easter holidays in mid-April, will bring further good news in terms of the return of face-to-face education.

The safety and wellbeing of our students and team members remains our highest priority and, upon return, you will find our usual teams in place to provide any assistance you require and ensure our high standards of cleanliness and safety at our accommodation are maintained. At the same time, we are doing everything we can to ensure you have the flexibility to enjoy your accommodation. More information can be found in the Coronavirus Guidance section of the Host website.

We are also pleased to confirm that on-site facilities such as gyms, games areas and cinema rooms will also reopen as soon as possible in line with the roadmap steps. We know these facilities play an important role in the wellbeing of our students and the ability to be able to start socialising again in these spaces will be a major boost.

However, we also appreciate that for the time being the lockdown restrictions continue to impact the mental, emotional and educational wellbeing of many students, so wish to highlight again the fantastic support offered by the charity <u>Student Minds</u>. Its bespoke <u>Student Space</u> programme to help students through coronavirus is a trusted place to access dedicated support services by phone, text, webchat or email.

If you have any other questions about your return or the operation of your student accommodation during these national restrictions, please do speak to a member of your reception team.