

Homestay v Private Accommodation

Homestay		Private Accommodation
The arrangement is made by WSOE between the student and the host family. It can be terminated by either side with one week's notice.	Contract	Student needs to sign a contract for a fixed period of time. Usually need to give one month's notice if you wish to terminate the contract. Often the student will need to prove that they have sufficient funds or supply the details of a financial guarantor.
Student has their own room. Some students have their own bathroom. The rest of the house is shared with the family and the student fits in with the family's routine.	Privacy	Student has their own space.
All bills are included in the price of homestay accommodation.	Utilities	Student will have to set up and pay monthly for gas, electricity, water, internet.
All furniture is provided for the student.	Furniture	Need to find a furnished home (most rental properties are unfurnished). Even in a furnished property, the student will need to buy some extras; ie. Towels, cutlery, crockery.
All bills are included in the price of homestay accommodation.	Council Tax	Student will need to register with Winchester City Council and pay council tax. The amount depends on the value of the property.
Student lives and interacts with their host family every day. Many opportunities to talk and experience British life and culture.	Interaction	Student will spend a lot of time alone and miss out on opportunities to experience British life and culture.
Breakfast and dinner are provided. Student only has to buy their own lunch.	Food	Student will have to buy and cook all their own food.

All bills are included in the price of homestay accommodation.	Fees	Student will have to pay fees to the estate agency. Student will also have to pay a deposit (usually to the value of 1 or 2 months' rent)