



Settling In First Days Question Sheet

Questions to go through with the student within the first few days of arriving

1. What do I call you? Mum, Dad or your first name?
2. What am I expected to do daily, other than
 - a. Make my bed
 - b. Keep my room tidy at all times
 - c. Leave the bathroom clean and tidy every time I use it
3. What should I do with my dirty clothes? Where do I keep them until wash days?
4. Should I wash my own under-clothes?
5. Where should I dry any clothes I wash?
6. What are the arrangements for ironing of my clothes?
7. May I use the iron, washing machine, sewing machine etc?
8. Where can I keep my personal bathroom toiletries?
9. When is the best time for me to use the bathroom on weekday mornings?
10. What time must I get up weekday mornings?
11. What time must I get up on weekends and holidays?
12. When is the best time for me to have a shower a.m. or p.m.? How long may I stay in the shower?
13. May I use the bathroom toiletries (i.e. household shampoo/conditioner, soap, toothpaste)?
14. What time are meals?
15. What would you like me to do at meal times? For example:
 - a. Set the table
 - b. Clear the table
 - c. Wash up
 - d. Put everything away after a meal
 - e. Dry up
 - f. Empty the rubbish bin etc.
16. May I help myself to food and drink (non-alcoholic) at any time or must I ask first? (within moderation)
17. What areas of the home are strictly private e.g. parents bedroom, study, sewing room?
18. May I put my pictures, posters etc on the walls in my bedroom?
19. May I rearrange my bedroom?
20. Where can I store my suitcase?
21. What time must I go to bed and turn the lights out on weekdays and weekends?
22. Do I have to ask if I go out? (Exceptions by special arrangements)

23. When are the birthday dates of my host mum, dad and siblings?
24. Can I have friends to stay overnight?
25. Can I invite friends around in the day? (Not opposite sex, if parents not there)
26. What are the rules about using the telephone including toll calls?
27. What are the rules about sending and receiving emails and using the internet
28. May my friends phone me?
29. What is the address for incoming mail?
30. Do my host parents have any dislikes? E.g. chewing gum, music, being interrupted when reading the newspaper, smoking, changing the TV channel.
31. Do my host brothers or sisters have any likes or dislikes?
32. How do I get around? E.g. is there a bus route? Do I get a bicycle? Will it be possible to get a lift to and from parties etc?
33. May I play the stereo, television, VCR, etc?
34. Do you expect me to telephone if I am going to be 10, 20 or 30 minutes late?
 - a. From school
 - b. From any other outing

35. When we go out as a family should I pay my own entrance fees, meals etc?
36. What arrangements are there for making lunch
 - a. On a school day
 - b. At the weekends

37. What else should I do around the house?
 - a. Keep my room tidy
 - b. Vacuum
 - c. Dust

38. If I have any problems, who would you like me to go to?
39. Is there anything else you would like me to know?

Note to the Homestay family:

Many of the words and ideas in this questionnaire may be new to the student. It may be an idea to allow him/her time to go through the main questions with a bi-lingual dictionary before you begin.