Welcome

The University of Edinburgh has one of the largest accommodation offers of any University in the UK, supporting over 10,000 students every year. We offer high quality accommodation that is safe and affordable, and some of the best in Edinburgh. We pride ourselves on our commitment to student care, and we know that this is now more important than ever before.

The health, wellbeing and safety of our students and staff is our number one priority and we are committed to delivering clean and safe environments. This is why we have introduced new protocols in line with Government and Public Health advice, ready for when our new students join us in September.

Accommodation applications are now open and many new Undergraduates and Postgraduates who apply are guaranteed a bedroom. For more information visit https://www.accom.ed.ac.uk/for-students/

We look forward to welcoming and looking after you in September.

Carina Svensen,
Director, Accommodation, Catering and Events.
Our accommodation commitment to you

We make it easy for you
• No references or deposits required
• Payment plans available
• All bills included in your rent

Close to campus
• Most bedrooms are within walking distance of campus and all are on main transport routes

Something to suit everyone’s taste and budget
• Catered or self catered
• En-suite or shared facilities
• Modern or traditional
• In the city centre or in the quieter suburbs

We’ll look after you
• 24/7 Residence Life and Community Support teams
• Welcome events and ongoing social programmes to help you to settle in and meet new people
• We’ll make sure you are well fed and happy in our catered accommodation, or you have access to full kitchen amenities

Laundry facilities in all accommodation

Free Wifi in all accommodation
Catering on campus

The safety and wellbeing of our students are at the forefront of all of our actions; we want you to settle into your new home within catered halls, safe in the knowledge that our usual health and hygiene procedures have been further enhanced to protect against COVID-19. Everyone in Accommodation, Catering and Events is committed to make sure your catering experience is as safe and enjoyable as possible and to protect the wellbeing of those onsite.

Hand sanitising
• We know that keeping your hands clean and sanitised is important for everybody. Which is why we have made sure there are hand sanitisers at key points within the residences and support areas - including at the entrance, exits and other key touch point areas such as drink machines.

Physical distancing
• From arrival and through our food court we have put in place specific signage to help direct you and we will be operating a one-way system and an additional main entrance. We have reduced seating capacities and created additional spaces for dining.

Reduced contact
• All crockery will be fully sanitised as per University’s Food Hygiene Management Systems in dedicated dishwashers, and all students will be provided with their own cutlery to keep and bring to each meal.
• In bars and other pay and go areas, we are encouraging contactless payments to avoid handling cash. The contactless limit for card payments has increased to £45.

Opening times
• We have increased our opening times to ensure all students can dine safely and distancing is maintained.

Protecting our teams
• Our team members will be provided with appropriate training and PPE to ensure we keep everyone safe.

Focused cleaning
• All catering areas will have been deep cleaned prior to opening and we will increase the frequency of our cleaning routines, with a focus on high touch point areas around service counters, beverage areas and tables. Thorough cleaning routines will be taking place regularly all day, every day.

Food service
• We have reduced contact points with all food, either served by our catering staff or wrapped/packed in single serve portions.
• We have installed protective screens around all service counters and areas with tills.
• We will adhere to strict health and safety measures when preparing and serving food.
The new measures to keep our student residents safe

Self-isolation
- Support available for those who need to self-isolate, including meal deliveries.

Residence Life and Community Support teams
- We will provide 24/7 online support from our Residence Life team so there’s always someone to offer you help and advice.

Increased cleaning and disinfecting
- Increased cleaning measures will be introduced for public areas and high touch points.

Ongoing social programmes and community building
- We will deliver a programme of virtual and face-to-face events to help you to settle in and begin your new life in Edinburgh.

Risk assessments
- All our operations have been risk assessed to ensure they exceed government guidelines for the protection of staff and residents.

Physical distancing measures
- New physical distancing measures will be introduced in all public areas and signage will be in place to ensure our student residents are aware of how they can keep safe.

Staff training
- All staff working in our accommodation halls and flats will undertake training on the new measures introduced ahead of September 2020 to ensure they are able to provide the right help, guidance and support to our new student residents.

Arrivals weekend changes
- Instead of all students arriving to their new accommodation over a two-day period, we will introduce staggered arrival times to facilitate physical distance requirements.