

## Covid-19 Behavioural Policy

The 2020-2021 academic year is going to look different to previous years due to the Coronavirus pandemic. However, if we work together we can ensure that you benefit from the top level education that the University of Bristol is known for and enjoy a student experience that, whilst different, is still exciting, engaging and inspiring. More than ever, we need to support each other, behave appropriately and with consideration and have respect for the people around us.

The following guidelines are based on Government guidance and legislation. We will keep you informed of any changes. Staff have responsibilities and requirements that they are expected to comply with. You also have responsibilities and requirements as part of the University community. We aim to provide the systems and procedures to ensure that the University is as COVID safe as possible, to protect the University community and allow you to live and study safely and successfully.

You are required to:

- Follow the current Government advice regarding quarantine if you have travelled to Bristol from abroad. Check [the list](#) of which countries are exempt from the quarantine laws
- Follow the current [University guidance](#) and [Government guidance](#) regarding social distancing and reducing the spread of Covid-19. This is likely to change regularly, and it is the responsibility of everyone to stay up to date with the latest changes. This includes:
  - behaving in a responsible way in the community and on University premises, such as [teaching spaces, social spaces and libraries](#)
  - wearing face coverings in indoor public places such as shops, university catering provisions and libraries
  - knowing and following Government guidance regarding meeting up with groups of friends or classmates outside of your household or living circle, including staying overnight in other households or inviting other people to stay overnight in yours
  - generally having consideration and respect for the people around you, including the local community.
- Follow the current [Government guidance](#) regarding mass gatherings. You should only be socialising indoors with the people in your living circle or household. Parties involving people from outside your household are not allowed.
- Be familiar with and adhere to the [Government guidelines](#) regarding the household you live in. This may be your living circle in Residences, in private accommodation or in your usual home.
- Self-isolate if you or anyone in your household has any signs of coronavirus or have had a positive coronavirus test. Guidance can be found [here](#).
- Keep the University and your household informed if you experience any coronavirus symptoms.
- If you have symptoms, [get a test](#) to confirm whether you have coronavirus. If the test is positive, follow the [current guidance](#) regarding who to inform
- Keep your [personal details](#) including your term time address and contact telephone number up to date so that you can be contacted quickly if the University needs to do
- Follow the Outbreak Procedure [[link](#)] if you or your housemates test positive for coronavirus

- Observe the conditions that you agreed in your Flatmate Agreement if you are living in residences
- Comply with the Local Rules and Regulations for Residences, including rules relating to fire safety and health and safety
- Try to resolve any disputes informally with your household or with the help of Residential Life staff. If the dispute cannot be resolved, you can submit an [Acceptable Behaviour complaint](#)
- Follow the [Online Code of Conduct](#) when learning and communicating online.
- Act as a respectful, empathetic and considerate member of the community in all your dealings with your household, fellow students, staff and the wider Bristol Community. This sits alongside the University's statement on [Acceptable Behaviour](#)

What we will do if we receive reports of students not following the relevant guidance:

- We may deal with any breach of the above expectations under the [Student Disciplinary Regulations](#). Any breach may also be a criminal offence and will be dealt with appropriately.
- Residential life staff have the power to investigate and process breaches of the local Rules and Regulations and these expectations.
- The Community Liaison Officer has the power to investigate misconduct in the community, including breaches of the above expectations.
- Misconduct including breaches of these expectations may be dealt with under the Student Disciplinary Regulations and if found guilty, there are a range of penalties that can be imposed. The finding of guilt will also be added to your University record and may be referred to in references.

Further information about your studies in the 2020-2021 academic year can be found [here](#).

If you have any queries, please contact the Student Information Service by emailing [coronavirus-student@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:coronavirus-student@bristol.ac.uk)