As a student living in Sheffield, you’re part of a brilliant and diverse community. Some of your neighbours will be students too, but a lot of them won’t be. They might be older people, families with young children or people who need to be up early for work, as well as fellow students who are studying hard.

Wherever you’ve chosen to live in Sheffield, it’s important to keep your neighbours in mind and be respectful to those living around you. You have a responsibility to the community you live in; this means avoiding making late night noise, having a positive impact on the local environment and helping to protect your housemates and neighbours from the spread of Covid-19.
Welcome To Your New Community

Preventing the spread of COVID-19

As a member of the University community, it is your social responsibility to help stop the spread of Covid-19 by ensuring good conduct and behaviours and following the relevant University, Government and NHS guidance and laws. This includes:

1. Wearing a mask on public transport, in shops and supermarkets, and in other indoor spaces on and off campus (unless you have a health or other reason that makes you exempt)
2. Maintaining social distancing with anyone who is not in your household at all times
3. Using sanitisers after touching surfaces and doors, and washing your hands when you arrive on campus or get home
4. Not hosting or attending social gatherings of more than six people (‘Rule of Six’)
5. Limiting your physical interaction with individuals outside your own household
6. Taking action when you have symptoms (Stay at home and isolate. Book your test straight away. Inform the University that you have symptoms)
7. Recognising that people you come into contact with may be vulnerable and acting with consideration for others
8. Walking or cycling where possible to limit use of public transport

It is the responsibility of everyone to help reduce the spread of Covid-19 in our communities. Please keep up to date with any recent changes to guidance and help to protect those vulnerable from the disease and keep Sheffield open.

You can find more information at: sheffield.ac.uk/coronavirus gov.uk/coronavirus

Rule of six

Because of a rise in cases, as of 14 September it is illegal for more than six people* to meet socially, indoors or outdoors. Please follow this rule to help limit the spread of Covid-19 and keep Sheffield open.

*If you live with more than six people you can still socialise together as one household.
Keep the noise down

We know that this year in particular, options for socialising away from your home are limited. Please remember that you should not host or attend any party or gathering of more than six people.

When at home, avoid playing music too loudly or too late, particularly on weeknights, and keep noise to a minimum if you’re coming home from a night out.

Reporting issues

Gatherings of more than six people are now illegal. If you have concerns about gatherings which breach the rule of six and may contribute to the spread of Covid-19, you should:

Report to the police on 101 or at reportingcrime.uk/SYPBreachOfCovid19Guidance

If at a pub or other business, speak to the licensee or manager in the first instance. If this has no effect, report to Sheffield City Council Licensing Team at licensingservice@sheffield.gov.uk

For non-Covid-related noise or antisocial behaviour issues in student houses or residences, the University will continue to operate its 24 hour security helpline (0114 222 4085). Repeat complaints about individual properties could lead to disciplinary proceedings being taken by the University.

Take Responsibility For Waste

In Sheffield, each house should have three bins:

1. blue bin (for paper and card)
2. brown bin (for glass, tin and plastic bottles)
3. black bin (for general rubbish)

Put your bins at the kerbside after 6pm on the day before the scheduled collection and make sure you bring it back to your property no later than 11am the next day. Bins repeatedly left on the street could lead to a fixed penalty of £100.

Only bins will be emptied, so don’t leave other waste on the street as this will not be taken and you could be prosecuted for fly-tipping.

To find your bin day, or to order replacement bins, visit: sheffield.gov.uk/binsandrecycling
Keep your area tidy

While living in your student house, it is your responsibility to ensure it remains clean and tidy. Pick up any litter that blows into your garden and make sure you report overgrown bushes and hedges to your landlord to get them trimmed.

If you want to report litter, fly-tipping or any other street problems visit fixmystreet.com or download the Fix My Street app and help keep your neighbourhood clean and tidy.

Be security conscious

We know that thieves target student properties, particularly during holiday periods. Always lock doors and windows and set an alarm if one is connected. Mark property with a postcode using an ultraviolet pen.

You can also register your possessions on the national property database at immobilise.com. This database is used by police to identify and return stolen property, as well as helping to combat the sale of stolen property and simplify insurance claims.

Get involved

At the University of Sheffield we know how important it is to be active in your community, and that’s why we support the involvement of our students and staff every step of the way. Sheffield Volunteering and Sheffield Raising and Giving (RAG) aim to increase awareness of local issues amongst students and provide opportunities to volunteer with local organisations or create and run your own projects. Through leadership and peer-to-peer mentoring, volunteers develop experience, skills and employability, and it’s a fantastic way to make new friendships and make a positive difference to your community.

To find out more and see what opportunities are currently available, visit sheffieldvolunteering.com

This leaflet has been sent to all properties in areas with a high proportion of student residents from The University of Sheffield.

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