

Meeting in person at St Catharine's College

November 2020

This policy is intended to cover day-to-day activities in the College. It is not intended to cover special events, such as admissions, outreach and open days, which will be planned and considered separately.

Who is covered by this policy?

All students, staff and Fellows of St Catharine's College, as well as [permitted visitors](#).

What is a gathering?

Government regulations refer to meeting in person as 'gatherings'. For the purposes of this document, a 'gathering' is defined as two or more people being present in the same place in order to engage in any form of interaction with each other, or to undertake any activity with each other. This is a very broad definition, which is likely to cover any reason for meeting with another person unless this is genuinely accidental.

What is permitted and where?

The following activities are permitted so long as [Government guidelines](#) and regulations are followed. If activities are not listed, work is ongoing to review and explore alternative arrangements.

Purpose	Who is permitted to meet?	Permitted locations in College
Teaching	A Fellow/supervisor and a small group of students	Supervision or meeting rooms at the Fellow's/supervisor's invitation (Group size should be limited to ensure attendees can keep a safe distance)
Study	Students undertaking independent study from different households	1. The Library 2. Computer rooms 3. Rushmore Room 4. The MCR (Care should be taken to keep a safe distance.)
	Members of the same student household only (if no-one gathering is isolating)	1. Indoors within your own household 2. Indoors in designated recreational spaces booked through the College
Work	Small groups of staff for essential in-person activities	As agreed by the Head of Department with risk assessments and COVID-secure measures in place
Music	Music students and those directly involved in their education	Rooms and spaces previously used for music lessons and rehearsal, subject to COVID-secure measures
	Members of the same student household only (if no-one gathering is isolating)	1. Indoors within your own household 2. Indoors in designated recreational spaces booked through the College
	Members of the same student household only, if at least one person is isolating	Indoors within your own household
Worship	Members of our community for individual prayer and quiet reflection	1. The Chapel, keeping a safe distance from anyone else present 2. Indoors within your own household

Social	Members of the same student household only (if no-one gathering is isolating)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Indoors within your own household 2. Indoors in designated recreational spaces booked through the College 3. Outdoors in Cambridge*, including designated spaces booked through the College (or the household's own garden if relevant)
	Members of the same student household, if at least one person in the gathering is isolating but not due to symptoms or a positive test result	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Indoors within your own household 2. Outdoors in designated spaces, at designated times, booked through the College (or the household's own garden if relevant) (Care should be taken to keep a safe distance from each other)
	Members of the same student household, if at least one person in the gathering is isolating due to symptoms or a positive test result	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Indoors within your own household 2. Outdoors <u>only</u> where the household's own garden is not shared with any other households (Care should be taken to keep a safe distance from each other)
	Two individuals, each from a different households	Outdoors in Cambridge*, including in designated spaces booked through the College (Meeting in private gardens is not permitted by the Government)
Dining	Students eating meals independently.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hall, using cafeteria arrangements for eat-in or take-away meals 2. The Bar for take-away meals 3. Within your own household
	Staff eating meals independently and already on the Island site for College business	Hall, using cafeteria arrangements for eat-in or take-away meals
	Fellows already on the Island site for College business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The SCR for working lunches 2. Hall, using cafeteria arrangements for eat-in or take-away meals and eating independently
	Members of the same student household only (if no-one gathering is isolating) and the household is unable to cater for themselves	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hall, using cafeteria arrangements for eat-in or take-away meals 2. Hall, for pre-booked household suppers (details to be circulated separately) 3. Within your own household
	Members of the same student household, if at least one person in the gathering is isolating	Within your own household
Sport/ exercise	Members of the same student household only (if no-one gathering is isolating)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Indoors within your own household 2. Outdoors in Cambridge*, including designated spaces booked through the College (or the household's own garden if relevant)
	Members of the same student household, if at least one person in the gathering is isolating but not due to symptoms or a positive test result	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Indoors within your own household 2. Outdoors in designated spaces booked through the College (or the household's own garden if relevant) (Care should be taken to keep a safe distance from each other)

	Members of the same student household, if at least one person in the gathering is isolating due to symptoms or a positive test result	1. Indoors within your own household 2. Outdoors <u>only</u> where the household's own garden is not shared with any other households (Care should be taken to keep a safe distance from each other)
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* The following large green spaces are available in Cambridge: Christ's Pieces, Jesus Green, Midsummer Common, Parker's Piece, Sheep's Green/Lammas Land, Paradise Local Nature Reserve, Grantchester Meadows, and Cambridge University Botanic Garden (which is free to University of Cambridge students with University card, pre-booking still applies: <https://www.botanic.cam.ac.uk/purchase-tickets>).

Support bubbles

A support bubble is defined by the Government as a close support network between a household with only one adult in the home (known as a single-adult household), and one other household of any size. Given that College accommodation does not provide for single-adult households for undergraduates, these students should understand that it is unlikely that they will be able to establish support bubbles. Postgraduates and Fellows living in College accommodation should ensure a single support bubble is only ever set up with the agreement of all members of the household that is extended by this arrangement before commencing the types of gatherings covered by this policy.

General notes

The College's normal protocols are suspended where they cover circumstances not permitted by official advice on COVID-19. For example, students should not attempt to use these earlier systems to seek approval and/or space for in-person, indoor social events or parties.