

Meeting in person at St Catharine's College

March 2021

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
Study	Students undertaking independent study from different households	1. The Library (subject to further guidance) 2. Computer rooms 3. Rushmore Room (subject to further guidance) 4. The MCR (Care should be taken to keep a safe distance.)
	Members of the same student household or support bubble only (if no-one gathering is isolating)	1. Indoors within a household 2. Indoors in designated recreational spaces booked through the College where these neighbour your household (travelling across Cambridge to such a space would not be a permitted reason to leave your home and therefore cannot be allowed)
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 (in person meetings to be minimised)
Music	Members of the same student household or support bubble only (if no-one gathering is isolating)	1. Indoors within a household 2. Indoors in designated recreational spaces booked through the College where these neighbour your household
	Members of the same student household only, if at least one person is isolating	Indoors within your own household
	Members of College from different households	For performance as part of communal worship in the Chapel under the supervision of the Director of Music

Worship	Members of our community for individual prayer and quiet reflection	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Chapel, keeping a safe distance from anyone else present 2. Indoors within your own household
	Members of our community for services	The Chapel, keeping a safe distance apart and not socialising with people from outside of your household or support bubble
Social or recreation	Two individuals from different households	Outdoor public spaces in Cambridge*
	Members of the same student household or support bubble only (if no-one gathering is isolating)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Indoors within a household 2. Indoors in designated recreational spaces booked through the College where these neighbour your household 3. Designated time in the College's own gardens booked through the College where these neighbour your household (or the household's own garden if relevant) 4. Outdoor public spaces in Cambridge*, designated outdoor spaces booked through the College where these neighbour your household, 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. Designated time in the College's own gardens booked through the College where these neighbour your household (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 a private garden attached to where the household lives (Care should be taken to keep a safe distance from each other)
Dining	Students eating meals independently or as a household	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Catzebo, using cafeteria arrangements for eat-in or take-away meals (subject to opening hours and social distancing where not in same household) 2. Within your own household
	Staff eating meals independently and already on the Island site for College business	The Catzebo, using cafeteria arrangements for eat-in or take-away meals (subject to opening hours and social distancing)
	Fellows already on the Island site for permitted reasons	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Catzebo, using cafeteria arrangements for eat-in or take-away meals (subject to opening hours and social distancing) 2. Within your own household (for resident Fellows)
	Members of the same student household, if at least one	Within your own household

	person in the gathering is isolating	
Sport or exercise	Two individuals from different households	Outdoor public spaces in Cambridge*
	Members of the same student household only (if no-one gathering is isolating)	1. Indoors within your own household 2. Outdoor public spaces in Cambridge*, designated outdoor spaces booked through the College where these neighbour your household, 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	1. Indoors within your own household 2. Outdoors in designated spaces booked through the College where these neighbour your household (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)

* The following large green public 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 a University card, pre-booking still applies: <https://www.botanic.cam.ac.uk/purchase-tickets>).

Support bubbles

Please refer to [the College's policy on visitors](#) for further information.

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.