

Visitors at St Catharine's College

November 2020

This policy is intended to cover day-to-day access to the College. It is not intended to cover admissions, outreach and open days, which will be planned and considered separately. It includes the new restrictions on visits to households introduced by the Government effective 5 November until 2 December.

Who is permitted to visit College properties?

Under limited circumstances and subject to any special provisions noted at the top of this policy, the following groups may visit College properties:

Students from other Cambridge Colleges	We will maintain a record of students coming into College and who they are visiting. Please note the new restrictions on visits to households.
Supervisors	To access College to supervise our students
Contractors	To undertake works and subject to specific risk assessments
Ordinands (2) and visiting preachers	Under the supervision of the Chaplain
Student drop offs / pick-ups	No more than 2 companions. Please note the new restrictions on visits to households.

Who is not permitted to visit College properties?

There are some notable groups who are not permitted to visit, after careful consideration by the College:

- College Members (including alumni, members by special election, and former Fellows) who do not fall into any of the permitted categories;
- Visiting Scholars (unless needing access to supervise);
- Postdoctoral Associates (unless needing access to supervise);
- Visiting sports teams;
- Non-members of the College who have been granted dining rights;
- Non-members of College who frequently attend chapel services;
- The Girls' Choir and their parents;
- Members of the Cambridge Chapels Youth Choir (which usually sings one service a term during the school half term);
- Family members / friends except pick-up / drop-offs: by exception, family members may be allowed as day visitors, subject to the approval of the Senior Tutor.

New restrictions on visits to households

The College has always intended to permit visitors to enter student households so long as Government guidelines and regulations are followed.

However, effective 5 November until 2 December, nobody in England is permitted to meet socially indoors with family or friends unless they are part of the same household. The [latest Government guidance](#) explicitly states that students should not invite anyone else from outside of your household or support bubble into your halls of residence or private accommodation, in order to prevent households mixing indoors for social reasons.

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 for visitors or overnight guests. 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 visits or overnight stays within the bubble.

All students are strongly encouraged to refer to [our accompany policy on meeting in person](#) to identify COVID-secure and lawful ways of meeting up with individuals who are not in their own household.

Dining

Catering provision will be restricted to students, staff and Fellows of St Catharine's College, in line with UK Government guidelines and regulations. Staff and Fellows may dine in College if they are already on the Island site for College business.

Record keeping

The College will shortly begin trialling new arrangements for recording non-College members visiting the Island site. Further information will be shared and this policy revised accordingly.