

Visitors at St Catharine's College

Effective from 5 July 2021

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 reflects the latest restrictions and will be updated as these are eased as part of the Government's roadmap out of lockdown effective from March onwards. Advance notice of further easing of lockdown measures may be limited so updates to this policy may require a few days for the College to process and the cooperation of our community in the meantime.

Who is permitted to visit College properties?

The following groups may visit College properties:

- St Catharine's students
- St Catharine's Fellows (including Honorary Fellows, Emeritus Fellows, Fellow Commoners, Junior Research Fellows, former Fellows, and members by special election)
- St Catharine's alumni
- St Catharine's staff
- Students from other Cambridge Colleges
- Visiting Scholars
- Postdoctoral Associates
- Family members/friends
- Members of the Girls' Choir (for practice and performance in the Chapel only, under the supervision of the Director of Music and Girls' Choir administrator)
- Contractors (subject to specific risk assessments)
- Ordinands (2) and visiting preachers under the supervision of the Chaplain
- Event organisers (for the purpose of viewing event spaces, under the supervision of our Conference & Catering Team)
- Visiting sports teams (subject to specific risk assessments and at the invitation of a member of the College)
- Wedding, B&B and conference guests

All students are strongly encouraged to refer to [our accompanying guidance on meeting in person](#) to identify COVID-secure and lawful ways of meeting with others.

Official advice is that people should continue to work from home where they can. As such, while the above groups are permitted to visit College properties, they should consider whether this is necessary.

In addition, while the College recognises the considerable welfare benefits of being able to meet with friends and family, these groups are also encouraged to consider whether it is feasible to meet in person away from the Island site – with social distancing measures in the Catzebo, Bar/Coffee Bar and Library, for instance, we need to ensure that there are seats available to support our students during the examination period.

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:

- Non-members of the College who have been granted dining rights;
- Non-members of College who frequently attend chapel services;

- Parents of the Girls' Choir;
- Members of the Cambridge Chapels Youth Choir (which usually sings one service a term during the school half term).

Support bubbles

A support bubble is defined by the Government as a support network that links two households based on [specific eligibility criteria](#). Students 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 households that are extended by this arrangement before commencing visits or overnight stays within the bubble. Changing circumstances may mean that a support bubble is appropriate for students in residence who may not have been able to form one previously:

- If forming a bubble with another household in the St Catharine's community, please let us know for contract tracing purposes by emailing asymptomatic@caths.cam.ac.uk; or
- If forming a bubble with another household that includes members of other colleges, please seek permission from the Senior Tutors of the respective colleges.

Record keeping

The College has introduced a new electronic system for recording non-College members visiting the Island site. This is available to visitors on arrival at the Porters' Lodge.