Effective 2 December 2020

Your household is the group of people living on your floor within a staircase, and this space is your household space. The other floors in your staircase are different household spaces, and the people living on them are different households. You must NOT access other floors in your staircase; the rules for mixing within a household apply only to your floor.

Within your household space:
- You do not have to maintain social distancing;
- You do not have to wear a face covering;
- You must NOT mix with any self-isolating students, even if your entire household is self-isolating.

Members of a single household may also socialise in communal areas within College without maintaining social distancing. However, members of a single household must not socialise with people from another household in any indoor setting, whether inside or outside College. You may socialise with people from another household in any outdoor setting, provided you do so in groups of 6 or fewer people. Anyone staying in College over the vacation period who is the only person resident in their household may form a support bubble with another household until other members of their household return. For Covid-19 purposes, you will then be treated as a member of the household you have formed a support bubble with. Anyone in this position should contact the Porters’ Lodge immediately (lodge@stcatz.ox.ac.uk).

When socialising with people from another household, including other floors in your staircase:
- You must use a communal (outdoor) area within College, or outside College;
- You must NOT use your household space or any indoor area within or outside College;
- You must observe social distancing;
- You must comply with other government restrictions, such as the “rule of 6”.

If you experience any of the primary symptoms of Covid-19, please contact the Porters’ Lodge immediately, by phone (01865 271700) or email (lodge@stcatz.ox.ac.uk).

Please help us keep everyone safe and free from self-isolation restrictions by adhering to these rules. Doing so will mean that you are less likely to have to self-isolate because someone else has tested positive. Please remember that no one is safe, unless everyone is safe. For this reason, any students found to be in breach of these or other College or Covid-19 rules can expect to face consequences, from formal warnings for relatively inconsequential transgressions to more serious consequences for repeat or serious transgressions. These may include the restriction or revocation of rights to access College or University premises, facilities or activities, including through: exclusion from face to face teaching; the removal of scholarships or other College privileges; formal censure; suspension; and in the most serious of cases, termination of College membership.

For further information, support and advice:
- See the College’s Covid-19 Protocol for Students: What to do if you experience symptoms, and the University’s Guidance on Self-Isolation and Testing (if you would like a hard copy, please request one from the Porters’ Lodge immediately);
- Consult the University’s online Covid-19 information and resources for students;
- Contact the Porters’ Lodge or the Junior Deans (juniordean@stcatz.ox.ac.uk).