



## OISE Homestay Questions & Answers



Q: **Who will be my host?**

A: OISE homestay providers can vary from a nuclear family of a mother, father and children to a single parent or a retired person.

Q: **Where will I live?**

A: Very few hosts live in the city centre - most live in residential areas a bus-ride away from the school. You can buy a weekly bus pass from the bus driver and monthly bus passes from the Tourist Information Centre near to OISE.

Q: **What will my room be like?**

A: You will have a single room with hanging space for your clothes, a chest of drawers and a desk and chair so that you can study. Your host may also have a study or a separate space such as a quiet dining room for you to study.

Q: **Do I need to bring anything with me? Will I be able to wash my clothes?**

A: You will be provided with bed linen, towels, pillows and a duvet/ blankets. Yes, you will be able to wash your clothes at your homestay accommodation.

Q: **Will I eat with my host?**

A: Yes, whenever it is possible. We encourage our students to share meals with their host as it is a good opportunity to speak and practise your English. Your stay will be half-board which means that you will be provided with breakfast and an evening meal every day (including weekends). **You will not be provided with lunch.** Please remember to tell your host if you are going to be home late for dinner.

Q: **What will I eat? Will I like it?**

A: You will be eating the same food as your hosts. If there is any food that you dislike or that you cannot eat, please let the host know at the beginning of your stay. We ask our hosts to provide a varied and balanced diet. If you suffer from a food allergy or need a special diet, it is important to tell us as early as possible before you arrive.

Q: **Will there be other students in the house?**

A: There might be other students in the house especially at busy times of the year; however it is OISE policy never to place two students together of the same native language.

Q: **Will there be pets in the house?**

A: The British are famous for being animal lovers so yes, it is possible that your host may have a pet. However, if you are allergic to pets or are not too fond of them, it is important let us know so we place you in a homestay where there are no animals.

Q: **Will I have internet access?**

A: Most of our hosts now have Wifi and it is also available free of charge at the school.