**Thank you for showing an interest in becoming a Host Family for us.**

The St Neots English Centre Ltd have groups of foreign students (including Spanish, French, Italian Taiwanese, Chinese, and Russian) come over to Cambridgeshire, Buckinghamshire, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire throughout the year. The students are here to study and experience life as a student in England - normally the students integrate into a local host school Monday to Friday on a regular school timetable.

As a host family you would be required to:

* Provide a **clean** and **tidy** bedroom(students can share rooms but must have their own bed).
* **Welcome** them into your home and include them in your family life, offering them a **friendly** and **safe** environment to stay.
* Provide **3 meals** per day
* *Breakfast* – cereal, toast, juice etc
* *Lunch / Packed lunch* – e.g., sandwiches, fruit, snack and drink
* *Dinner* – a variety of cooked nutritious meals, with a healthy balance of protein, carbohydrates and vegetables / salad

*(We do not insist you buy the most expensive food but a variety is required and basics such as bread, milk, butter, tea, coffee etc are* ***essential****)*

* **Pick up and drop off students** and their **luggage** at a designated meeting point (normally the local school) **on their arrival and departure dates** and also for evening functions.
* Show your guests **the route to / from school** – either the walk to the nearest appropriate public bus stop or train station or the school (if close enough). (Students would normally have weekly bus tickets)
* **P**i**ck up and drop off students** at a designated point (normally the school) for **weekend excursions** **/ day trips**.
* Take your student to the **Doctors** or a **walk-in centre** if a student requires medical attention at any point during their stay. If the student needs to go to hospital, the host family will need to phone the emergency phone and arrangements will be made by the English centre.
* Allow students to use your washing machine if required.

We accept various background host families, as long as **English is spoken as the main language** within the household. We insist on English being spoken as much as possible when the students are with you.

**Please note:**

St Neots English Centre does not accept any responsibility for any damage caused in the family home. Host families are advised, for their own protection, to ensure that they have adequate home contents and buildings insurance and to notify their insurance company that for some weeks of the year they have foreign students staying with them.

**An example weekly itinerary for our students is:**

MONDAY TO FRIDAY – integration at local school, following school timetable

SATURDAYS – all day excursion (e.g. London or Cambridge)

SUNDAYS – all day excursion or Host Family Day (to spend quality time with the host family & practise spoken English)

EVENINGS – dinner with host family

**HOSTS ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN THIS FORM TO SHOW THAT THEY HAVE READ IT**

Signed………………………………………… Date……………………………………………..

Name (print) …………………………………

**Please contact us on 01480 535340 for more information.**