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Living in self-catering accommodation – what to expect

Self-catering accommodation varies. It could be the top floor or the basement of a family house. You might have your own cooking facilities, or you might share these with a family or with other students. It could be independent with your own entrance or there could be a shared entrance. There is self-catering accommodation in student houses with up to 10 students with shared facilities. There are some student hostels, and from July to September we use the university residential accommodation at Goldney Hall, where we have 100 single rooms.

In all types of self-catering accommodation, unless otherwise specified in the letter we send you, you can expect the following:

- Bedding and cooking utensils are provided unless otherwise advised. You should bring your own toiletries and towels.
- The rent includes electricity and gas but not a telephone line. Some houses have Internet access, but you may have to pay something extra for this.
- Cleaning. You are expected to keep the accommodation clean and tidy yourself. If your accommodation is independent, you will have to supply your own cleaning materials.
- Washing. Don't assume that there is a washing machine and dryer. In England many students use laundrettes.
- Television. If there is a television, we will confirm this in the letter we send you.
- If you are living with a family, don't expect too much contact. They and you have probably chosen a self-catering arrangement so that you can be independent.
- Make sure you understand the house rules/guidelines regarding visitors and guests. Don't assume you can have parties or your friends to stay.
- Holidays. With self-catering arrangements, if you go away on holiday, even if this is during the Christmas period, you are not entitled to a refund.