

QUESTIONS FOR THE FIRST DAYS OF A HOMESTAY

Please spend about half an hour every evening in the student's first week going through these questions with them. You should give the question sheet to the student and let them ask you the questions. Aim to work through one section each night. Keep in mind that many of the words and ideas in this questionnaire may be new to the student.

DAY ONE

1. What should I call you?
2. When and how can I use the internet?
3. How do I get to and from school?
4. What happens after school?
5. What family rules and procedures do I need to know about?
6. Where can I keep my toiletries?
7. When is the best time for me to have a shower and use the bathroom, in the morning or in the evening?
8. How long may I stay in the shower?

DAY TWO

1. What is the procedure for dirty clothes? Where do I keep them until wash days?
2. What time are meals?
3. What should I do if I don't like a particular food?
4. What would you like me to do to help at mealtimes? For example:
Set the table?
Clear the table?
Wash or dry the dishes?
5. Which food and drink may I help myself to?
6. Which food and drink must I ask first before having?
7. Where can I keep my own foods?
8. Are there any special instructions for the family pet?
9. What should I do with my trash?

DAY THREE

1. What chores should I do daily? (Make my bed?
Keep my room tidy? Leave the bathroom clean and tidy?)
2. Are there any areas of the house that are private (for example, parent's bedroom, study, sewing room)?
3. Where can I store my extra things?
4. What time should I get up on weekday mornings?
5. What time should I get up on weekends and holidays?
6. What time should I go to bed and turn the lights out on weekdays and weekends?
7. Should I let you know if I leave the house?

DAY FOUR

1. What is the address for incoming mail?
2. What should I do if I need to go to the store?
3. May I use the family's stereo, television and DVD?
4. Do you expect me to call if I am going to be late getting home from school? From any other outing?
5. What arrangements are there for making lunch on the weekends?
6. Where do you go to church?
7. Would you like me to go to church with you?
8. When is church?

DAY FIVE

1. If I have any problems, who would you like me to go to?

2. May I put pictures and posters on walls in my bedroom?
3. May I rearrange my bedroom?
4. May I have friends stay overnight?
5. May I invite friends to come over during the day?
6. Is there anything else you would like me to know?