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Homestay Agreement

Thank you for participating as a Host Family for the West Vancouver School District's International Student program. This letter sets out the terms and conditions to which you are agreeing and the financial arrangements for your participation as a Host Family.

Student Use of House and Amenities

1. Students will be welcomed into the home with the spirit that they are new members of the Host Family. They will be invited to partake in family outings and other activities. They must be provided with reasonable use of the house and amenities. The term "reasonable" means that the visiting Student should enjoy the same privileges and opportunities enjoyed by the Host Family's own children of similar age. In short, they will be treated like a member of the extended family. Specifically,
 - The Student is not responsible for purchasing their own linens, blankets, towels, etc.
 - The use of family toiletry articles, such as shampoo, soap, etc., is open to Students, but, if they have special requests or needs in this area, they must pay for these themselves.
 - The Student is responsible for all of their own mobile phone costs. If the Student and the host agrees to the Student having their own telephone line, the Student is responsible for all costs incurred including installation and monthly charges.
 - The use of the family television, Internet, stereo and other such household items is under the control of the Host Parents. If it should become apparent that the Student should be spending more time on study (as reflected in school marks, comments), use of these items may be restricted by the Host Parents.
 - The Student will be provided basic Internet access at no cost, subject to reasonable limits on data usage.
 - The Student will be provided with a key to the house (and to their bedroom, if a lock is installed).
 - The Student will have access to laundry facilities.



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- The Student understands that s/he is ultimately responsible for all of his/her own personal entertainment costs and personal supplies, including school stationary supplies.
2. The Host Family will provide a clean, orderly, pleasant and safe living environment for the Student. The Student must have a private bedroom with natural sunlight, a desk, chair, dresser, closet, night table, lamp, and bed. The Host Family will not enter the Student's bedroom except in emergency circumstances. The Student will not enter the bedrooms of any Host Family members without permission. The Host Family must provide a lock for the Student's bedroom if the Student makes such a request. The Student will provide the primary host with a copy of the key to their bedroom door if this door has a lock fitted.
 3. The Student will have access to a private or shared bathroom that is clean and hygienic with adequate fixtures that are in good repair.
 4. The Host Family will provide the Student with written house rules.
 5. The primary language spoken in the Host Family home will be English.
 6. The Host Family is not responsible for housing the Student's visiting family members (if any) during the course of the year unless otherwise agreed. The Student will not invite visitors/friends into the home to visit or study unless given specific permission to do so by Host Family. The Student will never have visitors/friends stay overnight in their bedroom or elsewhere without prior permission from the Host Family and Homestay Coordinator.
 7. The Student will share the same responsibilities to the Host Parents and to the general household as those held by the family's own children of similar age. The Student agrees to follow all house rules regarding behavior, curfews, attendance at meals, etc. and to occasionally share in the performance of household duties normally undertaken by the household's own children.



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Guidance and Supervision

8. The Host Family agrees to provide guidance and supervision to the Student consistent with that which would be provided by a careful and prudent parent.

Limit on Number of International Students

9. The Host Family agrees that they will not accommodate any more than two International Students (whether enrolled at the West Vancouver School District or elsewhere) at any time without the express permission of the West Vancouver School District, in writing.

Meals

10. The Host Family will provide a variety of nutritional, well-balanced meals on a three-meal per day basis. Junk food and dietary supplements are not included within the contractual agreement. Allergenic and diet-sensitive products such as dietary supplements, vitamins, lactose-intolerant or diabetic replacement foods are the responsibility of the Student to purchase.

Termination of Homestay

11. Homestay agreements can be terminated at any time by the School District if this agreement is breached or, in the opinion of the District, the Homestay environment is for any reason no longer suitable.
12. The Host Family cannot remove the Student from the home prior to the expiry of the agreed term of the Homestay without the agreement of the School District's Homestay Coordinator. The Host Family will contact the Homestay Coordinator if the Student is absent from the home unexpectedly, if the Student is missing school without proper cause, or if the Student is behaving in a manner non-compliant with the values and expectations of the Host Family home.
13. Students may be transferred between homes at any time at the discretion of the School District.



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Inspections

14. The Host Family agrees that the premises will be open to inspection on demand on 24 hours notice, or, in the case of emergency, immediately. It is expected that the premises will be inspected at least once per year.

Financial Arrangements

15. Because of the special nature of the Student/Host Family relationship, and because the philosophy of the Homestay Program is that the Students are to enjoy the privileges and responsibilities of being a "member of the family", the Student will not be charged a separate fee by families in the form of a security or damage deposit, nor any similar fee.
16. With respect to the Homestay fee, the payment terms are as set out in the schedule attached to this agreement.
17. Students will be responsible for any outstanding bills, expenses or damages to the home or amenities, which are directly attributable to the Student, including bills or expenses that come to the family following the Student's departure from the home stay.
18. If a Student remains in the Homestay during a non-academic period other than Winter Break or Spring Break and is not attending or participating in a School District program, then the payment for the Homestay during that period shall be as established by the School District from time to time.
19. Students and Host Families may not borrow money from, nor lend money to, each other. Financial transactions between Students and Host Families are limited to the Students' paying the home stay fee to the Host Parent(s).
20. Host Families must carry full personal liability insurance of not less than 2 million dollars.
21. Should a damage claim be made by a Host Family against a Student, following the Student's departure from the home, Host Families have 14 days from the date of departure to submit copies of receipts for repairs to the Homestay Office. If no receipts are received within that time frame, damage will not be compensated.



Criminal Record Checks

22. The Host Family will provide criminal record checks to the School District for all individuals over the age of 19 living in the home at least once every three years as requested by the School District and will immediately report to the School District if any individual in the home is charged with a criminal offence.

Liability Exclusions

23. The Host Family, the parent or guardian and the Student understand that the School District does not guarantee the quality of the relationship between the Student and the Host Family or any other relationship. The Host Family assumes any and all risks related to their participation in this program and agree to release and hold harmless the Board of Education of School District No. 45 (West Vancouver), its officers, directors, employees, and agents from any and all claims for any injury, loss or damage, including injury, loss or damage caused by their negligent or intentional acts.

Forum for Dispute Resolution

24. The Host Family agrees that any dispute arising under the interpretation, application or performance of this agreement or in any way arising out of their participation in the School District's International Programs will be resolved in a British Columbia Court and they agree that they will not bring proceedings in any other court or jurisdiction and irrevocably attorn to the jurisdiction of British Columbia courts.

Signing of Agreement

I agree to abide by the terms of this agreement and the International Program's policies and procedures.

Printed Name of Host Parent

Signature of Host Parent

Date