Queens’ Covid Community Agreement (Easter 2021)

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to have a significant impact on the way that all of us live our lives. After more than a year in which students, staff and fellows have all had to make significant sacrifices we want to reaffirm our collective commitment to reduce risk for the people we live and work with, for our families, for our collegiate University and for the wider Cambridge community in which we live.

We recognise the considerable contributions that have been made already, sometimes at significant personal cost, to keeping us all safe. We draw strength from the diversity and vitality of our collegiate community and our commitment to a common objective. We recognise the expertise and efforts of frontline workers and of the members of Queens’ who are helping us, and the wider world, tackle the pandemic.

As we move into the next phase of dealing with the pandemic, Queens’ will continue to follow the UK government roadmap. We commit to communicate regularly with the student body about matters relating to COVID-19. We will consult, through the MCR and JCR committees, about matters of common concern as the need arises and as we have to adapt guidance to fit with our particular situation.

We expect that everyone in Queens’ will join in our collective efforts to create a safe environment in which to live and study and follow detailed public health guidance from Public Health England, the University and the College.

In particular, members of the College agree to:

- wear face coverings where required and maintain adequate social distancing;
- comply with testing procedures, self-isolation requirements and related measures;
- comply with all College, University or national legal requirements, as these change from time to time;
- inform the College of the presence of symptoms or of a positive COVID-19 test;
- take all reasonable steps to participate in public health measures, including test, track and trace and University testing.

The College understands that COVID-19 has created significant challenges for many. Our duty of care and national law mean that failure to abide by this agreement cannot be consequence-free. Serious and persistent breaches of this Agreement (or the Regulations/Guidance it incorporates) will be dealt with using normal college disciplinary procedures and may result in people being required to leave College accommodation and being prevented from entering any College property.

We will ask everyone wishing to return to college accommodation to indicate your acceptance of this Agreement explicitly. This confirms that you understand the contents of the agreement and that you will take responsibility for keeping yourself informed and up to date with current guidance relating to COVID-19.

Details of current guidance can be found on the following websites:

https://www.queens.cam.ac.uk/life-at-queens/covid-information
https://www.cam.ac.uk/coronavirus

The Queens’ page links to details of plans that we have for re-opening college facilities and will be updated in due course.

We thank you all for wanting to make the college a safe and secure environment for all.