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Commonly asked questions

General Accommodation and Hosting

What are my specific responsibilities as a host family?

- Hosting duties include providing meals, laundry, and a safe living environment.

What types of meals do I need to provide, and when?

- Breakfast and dinner on weekdays, and three daily meals on weekends and holidays.

What household facilities should I make available to the student?

- Bedroom (including a bed, desk, wardrobe, and adequate lighting for study purposes), bathroom, kitchen, living areas, and laundry facilities.

What procedures should I follow in case of a medical emergency?

- Contact emergency services and notify the student's guardian and school immediately.

Communication and Support

How often should I communicate with the student's guardians?

- A student's guardian is a school staff member appointed by the Principal. Provide regular updates as needed and communicate any concerns immediately.

What if there is a language barrier?

- Use translation resources and maintain clear, simple communication. However, all students have intermediate level English and we have bilingual staff members you can call for interpreting.

Education and Activities

What role do I play in the student's education?

- Support school attendance, raise any concerns with the student's guardian and school

Are there any restrictions on the student's social and extracurricular activities?

- Students must follow set curfews and inform hosts of their whereabouts.

Financial and Logistical Considerations

What are the financial arrangements for hosting?

- Payments are specified in the homestay agreement, typically including a weekly fee and additional charges during holidays if the student stays.

How do I handle the student's travel and transportation needs?

- Show the student how to use public transportation and accompany them if necessary initially.

Miscellaneous

What should I do if there are changes in my household circumstances?

- Notify the school and the student's guardian three months in advance.

How do I integrate the student into my family's daily life and routines?

- Include them in family activities and explain household rules clearly.

What should I do if the hosting arrangement is not working out?

- Contact the school and the student's guardian to discuss and mediate any issues.