

Girton College Christmas Vacation Residence Arrangements

There are c **85** students in residence at Swirles in **32** households over the Christmas vacation.

Communication

- All residents have been added to a new list address girton-christmas-residence@lists.cam.ac.uk which will be active from 19 December to 3 January. You can post unmoderated to the list and it can be used to stay in touch with other residents, or notify events, arrange to meet up outside etc. The Porters will also use it for security or emergency maintenance alerts.
- Vacation Buddy - please see email invitation (circulated 18 December) to nominate a buddy outside your household or bubble to help you with shopping and daily contact in case you have to isolate over the holiday period.
- Covid isolations – notifications will be sent as normal, please **inform the lodge straight away** if you have symptoms or have been notified to isolate as a contact of someone who has tested positive for covid-19.

Vacation Services at Swirles

- **Porters** porters@girton.cam.ac.uk will be on duty at Swirles 24/ 7 throughout **01223 760021**
- A **Tutor** will be on call each day - access via the Porters.
- **Cleaning services** will be maintained except on the following dates: 25/26/28 December and 1st January. Any problems, please alert the Porters.
- **Maintenance** will be running as normal up until 22nd December and from 4th January. From 23rd December to 3rd January there will be an emergency on call service - please contact the Swirles lodge for maintenance emergencies between these dates.
- **IT support** ithelp@girton.cam.ac.uk will be running as normal up to 23rd December and from 4 January.
- **Catering** kitchens@girton.cam.ac.uk
 - Please ensure you have 3 days food at all times in case of an unexpected Covid isolation for you/your household.
 - Daily Swirles deliveries will be maintained all vac with the exception of the following days **25, 26, 28 December and 1 January**. Details of how to order and how to book an ambient box for 25/26 December have been emailed and are also on the Catering moodle. <https://www.vle.cam.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=107312>
 - Any problems with the app, email, or phone the kitchens 01223 338965 (answerphone out of hours)
- **Social Room Swirles** On the 25th December you can book the Swirles room as a household *or as a bubble* for 2 hour slots 1pm until 11pm. Please note that on days when the cleaners are on holiday (25, 26 ,28 December , 1 January) your group or bubble must clean, sanitise and ventilate the space before and after use please.

Shops and Transport

- Sainsbury's Eddington closes at 7pm 24th December and reopens 10am 26th December <https://stores.sainsburys.co.uk/2709/cambridge-eddington-avenue>
- Costcutter BP Petrol Station, 13 Huntingdon Rd CB3 0LQ – is open on 25th December 01223 279221
- **U Bus** <https://www.go-whippet.co.uk/latest-news/news/christmas-new-year-travel/>
- <https://www.stagecoachbus.com/promos-and-offers/east/christmas-timetables-2020>

Events and Activities in Swirles and Cambridge

- Cambridge Students Union Winter Holiday Guide
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/14ZC1VDW-Ejb5Ev1QBqBw5CVGfDd5ddsDiXEcvLZJfVE/edit>
- For Graduates: keep an eye on the weekly MCR email bulletin (released every Sunday) or the MCR Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1056479961420992> for activity details, including an online Wellbeing Session ,Film night ,MCR walks , Board games

Covid Rules and Regs

Cambridge is [in a tier 2 area until the 26th December when it moves to tier 4](#)

While Cambridge is in tier 2 the following applies:

No mixing of households indoors. No one except household members and essential service staff may be in your household (except 25 December as below).

Rule of 6 applies outdoors at all times - you can meet up outside with up to 5 people from different households, wearing a mask and maintaining 2m distance.

Christmas bubble: 25th December your household can, if you wish, form a [Christmas bubble](#) with up to 2 other Swirles households for this day only and you can visit each other's household, share meals and socialise indoors. All Swirles residents have been emailed with the details.

While Cambridge is in tier 4 the following applies:

No mixing of households indoors. No one except household members and essential service staff may be in your household

Outside you can exercise or meet in a public place with your household or socially distanced with one other person.

The government guidance on the different tiers is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know?>

Covid Symptoms

If you or a member of your household has Covid symptoms:

- 1) **Inform** the Swirles lodge immediately,
- 2) **Book a test.** (From 21st December to 3rd January inclusive the University symptomatic testing pods are closed so you will need to [book a test via the NHS.](#))
- 3) **Isolate** for 10 days, following the Self Isolation guidance. Symptomatic people should self isolate in their rooms and not use shared spaces, housemates should not leave the flat.

Wishing all Residents a very Happy Christmas