

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR NEW HOST FAMILY

- ✚ *Would you prefer that I call you by your first name or by another name?*
- ✚ *I will make my bed, keep my room tidy at all times and clean the bathroom after I use it. What else should I do regularly?*
- ✚ *What are normal meal times? The normal daily routine for the household? Discuss any dietary requirements that you may have and work out suitable alternatives.*
- ✚ *Do I have a permanent job at meal times – lay or clear the table, wash or dry the dishes, empty the rubbish?*
- ✚ *May I help myself to food and drink (within moderation) or should I ask first?*
- ✚ *What are the arrangements for school lunches?*
- ✚ *What are the laundry arrangements? Where should I put my dirty clothes? Should I do my own washing and ironing?*
- ✚ *Where can I keep my toiletries? May I use family soap, shampoo or toothpaste?*
- ✚ *When is the most convenient time for me to use the bathroom? Are there any water restrictions?*
- ✚ *What areas of the house are private?*
- ✚ *Do you have any dislikes that I should avoid?*



- ✚ *What times should I go to bed and rise in the morning? Is this different for weekends?*
- ✚ *May I use the stereo, TV, DVD, computer, sewing machine or workshop tools?*
- ✚ *Can I go out during the week? At weekends? Under what conditions?*
- ✚ *What are the responsibilities of house employees? (if there are any) How should I address them?*
- ✚ *May I have my own pictures or posters in my bedroom?*

- ✚ *Where should I store my luggage?*
- ✚ *If I have a problem getting home, I will phone you. If I am going to be late I will phone you within 30 minutes. Is that acceptable?*
- ✚ *May I invite friends around during the day, to stay the night or for a weekend?*
- ✚ *What are your expectations of me if I use the home phone?*
- ✚ *What postal address should I use for incoming mail?*
- ✚ *Should I use public transport to and from school, to the city, for outings at night and during the day?*
- ✚ *When and how are birthdays of host family members celebrated?*
- ✚ *Are there any other special or festive days you observe?*
- ✚ *If I have a problem, how would you like me to handle it?*



The following Internet link can convert some of the above questions and also other questions which may be relevant, into different languages. This may be helpful if your host families are not very fluent in English:

http://yeoresources.org/First_Night_Questions.htm