

Sandygate Halls Handbook





# Welcome to your new home at the University of Lancashire

We're so excited to welcome you to your halls of residence and to our vibrant university community!

#### A Message from the Student Accommodation Team

"Hello and a huge welcome from all of us! We're thrilled to have you here and can't wait to see you settle in, make new connections, and start your journey. Whether you're joining us for the first time or returning for another year, we're here to support you every step of the way. Our team is dedicated to making your experience safe, enjoyable, and full of opportunities. Don't hesitate to reach out—we're always happy to help!

Our goal is to help you feel safe, supported, and truly at home here, so you can thrive both academically and personally. We encourage you to get involved, connect with others, and make the most of every opportunity. Throughout the year, we'll be hosting a variety of events and activities designed to help you meet new people, have fun, and feel part of the community. Keep an eye on your emails, posters around halls, and social media so you don't miss out!"

This handbook is here to guide you through everything you need to know about living on campus—from key contact details for support services, to helpful tips for community living, and important information about your accommodation.

Our friendly Residences Team is available Monday to Friday during working hours (excluding Bank Holidays). If you have any questions—big or small—just pop into your Residences Office, give us a call, or send an email (you'll find all the contact details in this handbook). We're always happy to help.

We're here for you every step of the way. Here's to a fantastic year ahead—enjoy your experience and make it your own!

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# Our commitment to you

Sandygate Halls is new purpose-built student accommodation owned by Burnley Borough Council (BBC). We are committed to providing you with the highest standards of accommodation and service.

#### Sandygate Halls staff team

Your hall service provider is currently the University of Lancashire, and the friendly and approachable team are on hand to help you and to ensure that your living environment is safe and comfortable. The Accommodation Office is located on the ground floor of the hall at the main entrance.

Email: accommodationburnley@lancashire.ac.uk

Tel: 01772 896245

University Security Burnley:

Email: securityburnley@lancashire.ac.uk

Tel: 01772 892068

Further support is also available from University Security at Preston on 01772 892068. For emergencies contact 01772 896333.

View the Burnley Campus map

# Useful things to know before you arrive

#### Insurance

BBC strongly advises that you take out a personal insurance policy to cover theft/ damage to your property contained in your room and on your person.

#### Inventory

(This is a statement of the condition of your room, furnishings and fittings). Information regarding your online inventory will be issued to you after you arrive. It is important that you check and agree this inventory and note any discrepancies as requested.

Please do not remove any council-owned property from either your room or residence, as you will be deemed responsible for any subsequent damage/loss.

#### Mail

Mail is delivered to your flat post box in the office area by Royal Mail or couriers. All mail should be clearly marked with your name and flat number and sent to the following address:

Sandygate Halls, Sandygate Square, Sandygate, Burnley, Lancashire, BB11 1EX

Most parcels, depending on size, can be delivered by couriers to the lockers housed next to the post boxes. Otherwise residents should track delivery times and ensure they're present to accept the parcel like at home.

You could also order deliveries for click and collect if you are not sure you will be available to take delivery of a parcel. If a courier cannot access the building to leave your parcel they will leave a missed delivery card in the external box which will be placed by staff into your flat post box so that you know you have missed a delivery.

At the end of the Accommodation Contract in July all mail is returned to sender and it is your responsibility to inform people that your address has changed.

#### Launderette

There is a launderette situated on the ground floor of the building to the rear of the office. There are two washing machines and two tumble dryers. The launderette is run by an external company, Circuit Laundry. Their contact details, as well as instructions on how to use the machines, are publicised in the launderette or can be accessed at:

#### circuit.co.uk

There has been a laundry upgrade. Laundry machines are now paid via contactless payment. Accepting contactless card, Applepay and Googlepay. There is still the 'CircuitGo' app that you can pay through if you wish. Before you bring laundry down from your room you can use the website to check if a machine is free.

circuit.co.uk/circuit-view

#### Car parking

There are a very limited number of car parking spaces available at Sandygate Halls. Permits for parking will be issued in line with university car parking policy (onsite spaces will only be available for blue badge holders).

Further information can be found on the University website.

#### **Bicycles**

Electric and non-electic bikes and scooters must not be stored in bedrooms, hallways or stairwells because they can obstruct fire evacuations and fire exits. Secure bicycle storage is located on the lower ground floor accessed via Neptune Street. Electric bikes and scooters also come with an increased fire risk and for this reason must NOT be charged within any area of the building, especially not flats and/or bedrooms. They will be removed from the building in order that the fire safety regulations can be maintained.

The code for the internal access door is **3579**. If you have a bike and wish to access the external lower ground floor rear door, please let us know so that your swipe card can be coded as generally students cannot enter via this door.

#### **Transport**

Sandygate Halls is conveniently located and is close to Burnley Manchester Road Station, with trains to and from Preston, Leeds, Manchester, York and Blackpool, a 10 minute walk away. Bus routes run along Westgate and Trafalgar Street. Burnley Town Centre is a 6 minute walk away and the bus station a 14 minute walk away.

#### **Banking**

All major banks and building societies are represented in the town centre. Be aware of your surroundings when withdrawing cash from ATMs, especially during the hours of darkness.

#### Health and medical services

Please refer to information about registering with a local GP here: nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/getting-medical-care-as-a-student

#### Internet, Wi-Fi, TV and flat telephones

**Internet:** Internet access is both hard-wired and wireless. For all issues with your internet connection, please contact the University LIS Helpdesk on **01772 895355**.

Television and licences: Each flat has a television provided in the Lounge/ Kitchen area. A TV licence has been provided for this television. However, rooms at Sandygate Halls are fitted with a TV aerial point. If you do bring your own television onto the premises then you need to purchase an individual TV Licence, and you may still need a TV Licence if viewing TV programmes on a device other than a television, so for more information visit:

tvlicensing.co.uk/students

**Flat telephone:** There is a telephone handset in your kitchen area, which is available for internal only calls to University numbers and to seek medical advice. If you need to call NHS 111 for medical advice please dial 7111.

You can also make and receive calls using these telephones to the other flats within Sandygate Halls. To contact students in another flat 734 followed by the two-digit flat number (eg for Flat 1 the number is 73401, for Flat 25 the number is 73425)

You can also call the Sandygate office to speak to accommodation staff, the number is programmed in via the top button.

#### **Flat inspections**

All rooms/flats in Sandygate Halls are inspected by staff prior to you taking up residence and the condition of your accommodation will be notified to you via the room/ flat inventory. You will be emailed and given advance notice of any room inspections of your room, which are planned to take place during the academic year.

Your room/flat will also be inspected when you vacate halls and if any recharges are to be made because of damage, etc., these will be notified to you via email, together with details of the appeals procedure.

Remember: all flat occupants have a responsibility to report communal damage as it may occur.



## What to bring to halls

Do not bring too much – you can buy most supplies cheaply and easily once you are here. There may be limited storage space in your kitchen, especially fridge and freezer space, so plan your shopping accordingly.

#### **Essentials**

You must provide your own:

- · Bedding including pillows and mattress protector
- Towels and tea towels
- · Toiletries, including toilet roll
- A small amount of crockery and cutlery, bottle openers, and can openers.
- Pots, pans and basic utensils
- Other small electrical items such as irons, sandwich toasters, etc. (But please note that toasters and kettles ARE supplied in all halls' kitchens).

All electrical appliances should be rated for 220-240 volts and compliant with the relevant British Safety Standards.



## If you need assistance

#### **Security**

The Security Team maintains 24 hour cover and they are pleased to help with any enquiries or issues you may have. They patrol the halls of residence regularly, responding to any incidents that occur. They can be contacted by ringing ext. 2068\* from your flat telephone or 01772 892068 from a mobile phone.

In case of emergency, Security can also be contacted by calling extension 333 from any internal University telephone.

Never let strangers into the halls and always lock your door and secure windows when you are not in your room. Please note the window stays are there to prevent the window being blown completely open during windy weather and are not a security device to prevent a burglar gaining access. In an emergency Security can be contacted at any time.

#### SafeZone app

The university offers you an added layer of safety and help when you may need it the most, through a new system called SafeZone. SafeZone is a free app and electronic system, giving you extra peace of mind when starting university or returning to campus. It can be used to anonymously flag urgent issues and is available to download now from the **Apple** or **Google Play** store.

#### Repairs / maintenance

If anything in your accommodation needs to be repaired or replaced, please telephone: 01772 896245.

In an emergency don't leave a message - call Security on 01772 892068

You may also email your request to the Sandygate inbox: accommodationburnley@lancashire.ac.uk

After you have requested a repair, your halls staff will respond to your request as soon as possible. If a repair is needed in your room, they will first knock and wait for you to reply. If you are not in, they will enter, assess the work required, and if possible, will try to complete the repair straight away, in order that you receive a speedy and efficient service.

Sometimes a contractor will need to be called to complete a repair. If you have any queries or concerns regarding the progress of a job, please contact your halls staff.

If an emergency occurs outside office opening hours please contact Security on **01772 892068** who will call out a contractor if necessary.

## **Community living**

#### Cleaning

Accommodation cleaners will clean the stairwells and landings in your hall, but you are responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of your room and the communal areas of your flat. All flat occupants may be charged if extra cleaning is required in the communal areas.

#### **Kitchens**

You are responsible for cleaning after cooking and removing any rubbish. You will be charged for excess cleaning if kitchens are left in an unacceptable condition. Be aware of food hygiene, and do not store any uncovered food unless it is stored in a plastic bag or container to eliminate cross contamination. Do not store uncooked meat/poultry in the fridge alongside or above food items that will be eaten raw, such as cheese, salad, etc.

Any items of food that have past their use by date should be thrown away to avoid decomposition and smells.

#### **Environment and sustainability**

BBC are committed to energy conservation and it is the responsibility of everyone to conserve energy where they can. This can be achieved by simple actions such as turning off lights and other electrical items when leaving your room and ensuring that the correct temperatures are used when cooking. Ensure that all fridge and freezer doors are closed and that there is not a build-up of ice that prevents closure, if in doubt contact your halls staff.

Any excessive consumption will be investigated and may be followed with a written warning to the student(s) concerned. If this warning is not heeded, then an excess charge may be subsequently levied on the student(s) responsible.

Excessive energy consumption is usually caused when a student uses an unauthorised extra heating appliance, or one student takes excessively long showers and depletes the hot water supply for other flatmates.

#### Recycling

Students are encouraged to recycle their waste packaging etc., via the recycling bins that are placed in the bin store at the halls of residence. To enable you to carry your recycling to the bins you will find **blue and white** recycle bags in your kitchen area.

#### White bag

- Paper flattened
- Cardboard flattened
- · Cardboard tubes flattened

#### Black/grey bins

- · Anything that's not recyclable
- Must be in the bin and lid closed

#### Blue bin/blue hessian sack

- · Food/drink cans rinsed
- Empty aerosol cans
- Empty tin oil containers
- Metal bottle caps
- Plastic bottles rinsed
- Soft plastic tubs
- Glass

The recycling is collected on Thursdays, and general waste is collected on Fridays.

If the bins are contaminated, they will not be collected. You cannot put polystyrene in the paper bins, or any packing materials (especially plastic wrapping) that deliveries come in other than flattened cardboard.

If you put plastic bags or dirty food packaging in the blue recycling bins the whole bin is classed as contaminated and cannot be taken.

There should only be one bag of rubbish in any kitchen at any time and any full bag of rubbish must be disposed of as soon as is practicable. Letting rubbish build up in the flats can cause issues with pests such as flies and mice. If pest control treatments are required because your flat has not dealt with waste promptly the cost will be recharged to occupants.

Students are advised to double bag rubbish to prevent any seepage from waste staining carpets and causing odours.

If persistent contamination of bins occurs, all residents may be charged for the disposal of the contaminated waste.

## **Accommodation safety**

#### Fire safety

#### If the fire alarm sounds:

**DO** vacate the building as quickly as possible, even if you think that there is not a real fire

**DO** contact Security staff if you know the cause and location of the activation

**DO** co-operate with Security staff and/or the Fire Brigade

**DO NOT** return until you are advised it is safe to do so

#### If you discover a fire:

DO make sure fire doors are closed

**DO** vacate the building as quickly as possible

DO activate the fire alarm at the nearest break glass unit if it has not already been activated by the flat smoke/heat detectors

**DO NOT** stay behind to try and fight a real fire yourself

**DO NOT** return until you are advised it is safe to do so

Every student has a responsibility in the avoidance of fire risk and must take notice of all advice given, written or verbal, by Fire Officers, Security and halls staff. The Security staff take initial control of incidents in the halls of residence and all students must act upon their advice and instructions at all times and not hinder them or the emergency services in the execution of their duties. Fire blankets and fire extinguishers are provided in cooking areas and the extinguishers are of the foam variety.

Failure to evacuate is a severe breach of your Conditions of Residence

Fire escapes: the maintenance of the means of escape is part of your responsibility in fire risk avoidance.

DO NOT block any fire exits

**DO NOT** block hall corridors

**DO NOT** leave anything in stairways, landings and hallways

**DO NOT** block the interconnecting fire doors between flats

**DO** ensure that electrical cables and leads do not cause trip hazards in the communal areas

DO NOT tamper with fire detection equipment. This equipment is there to protect the lives of all of the occupants as well as staff and fire fighters

**DO NOT** cover or disable smoke/heat detectors, or remove the warning sticker

**DO NOT** attempt to disconnect smoke/heat detectors

**DO NOT** tamper with fire extinguishers

**DO NOT** wedge open fire doors, ie the kitchen, flat and room doors

- If you tamper with fire detection equipment someone could lose their life as a result.
- If you tamper with fire detection equipment you are committing a criminal offence and could be investigated by the police and prosecuted.
- If you tamper with fire detection equipment you could jeopardise your future at the University.

Students who activate Fire Alarms due to carelessness or ignore the Fire Regulations and repeated failures to observe Fire Regulations are a serious breach of your conditions of residence

#### Don't activate the fire alarm through careless or thoughtless behaviour:

**DO NOT** cook in your room

DO NOT leave cooking unattended

**DO NOT** cook using a dirty grill pan or hob

**DO NOT** wedge open fire doors – ie, the kitchen, flat and room doors

DO NOT spray aerosols directly beneath the detector in your room or the corridors of your flat or on the stairs (ie anywhere there are smoke/ heat detectors)

By following the few simple procedures above, the number of accidental activations will be reduced, which in turn could help save lives at a real fire elsewhere.

Tampering with smoke/heat detectors, extinguishers and other firefighting equipment is a criminal offence.

#### **Electrical safety**

You must permit halls staff / authorised contractors to inspect any item of electrical equipment belonging to you and/or kept on the premises and make such items of equipment available for inspection if required to do so by BBC. Any item of electrical equipment which BBC reasonably determines to be unsafe or undesirable must be removed from the premises.

Any electrical appliance used for cooking must not be left unattended for any reason. This includes appliances with automatic cut-offs and it must not be presumed that such systems will work.

All electrical appliances and leads must comply with BS1363.

#### To avoid danger from electric shock or fire:

- DO NOT use personal electrical appliances which are faulty or dangerous. This includes cables and leads
- If you are in any doubt as to the safety of your equipment, the halls staff will give you advice.
- DO NOT overload sockets by plugging in too many appliances at once, and remember that joining cables or wires together is extremely dangerous
- Cooking of food is not permitted in bedrooms
- Your electrical plugs and sockets must be compatible with the socket outlets in the halls, which are to British Standard Specification. Many electrical adapters and plugs attached to appliances brought into the country from abroad are dangerous. Examples include ½ pin plugs and flat pin plugs. Please replace all non-British Standard plugs with ones to the correct specification.

- BBC can impose an inspection, at the resident's cost, of any appliance that is deemed unsafe, and remove any such items from the accommodation.
- All extension leads must be protected with a correctly rated fuse
- All electrical items brought into the country must conform to British Standard Specifications
- Be aware that the voltage used in the UK is 220 to 240v and any appliance must be able to operate on this voltage

#### **Gas safety**

If you smell gas:

**DO** stay calm

**DO** open doors and windows

DO extinguish all naked flames

**DO** use your flat phone (not a mobile phone) to call the University Emergency Number 333 or Security 2068

DO evacuate the flat

DO keep people away from the area

**DO NOT** turn on or switch off any lights or electrical switches/appliances as this may cause a spark

DO NOT cause a naked flame to be ignited in the vicinity

Every gas installation and appliance is subject to an annual safety test and all necessary maintenance will be carried out during this safety test. All these gas safety certificates are available for residents to view.

There are no gas appliances within the flats, although the building is supplied with gas for communal water heating; if you smell gas please do report it immediately.

#### **Personal safety**

Always secure your door and windows when not in your room.

Occasionally, unauthorised people may try to access the halls. Such people should be actively discouraged; it is a disservice to yourself and your fellow students to allow them to enter or remain in the residences. Remember, it is your property and amenities that are threatened. If in doubt, contact Security on **01772 892068** straight away.

Money and valuables should never be left unattended in public areas.

Always keep your room locked when you are not in it. If you don't, not only could you suffer considerable personal loss, you are also responsible for the loss or damage to any BBC property in your room.

#### See also the advice regarding insurance and crime prevention:

Be aware that CCTV surveillance is in operation in and around the Sandygate Halls and that this is monitored 24 hours per day. If you require any further information regarding health and safety issues and statutory testing information pertaining to your accommodation (such as information regarding fire risk assessments, fire extinguishers, means of escape, fire alarms, emergency lighting, portable appliance testing, legionella, asbestos, notifiable diseases, etc.) please contact the halls staff.

#### Crime prevention advice:

- Secure **all** doors and windows when your room / flat is unoccupied even if only for a short time
- Using your home address, postcode all valuable property using a UV marker or an engraver and include your house number
- Never put expensive items in view of windows
- Carry debit/credit cards with you at all times
- Report crime or damage to the Police and the halls staff, this enables early action and repair
- Report strangers found wandering in residential areas on campus to Security

#### **Access to rooms**

If you have requested a repair, a member of staff or authorised contractor will respond as soon as possible, and as detailed in the Response Times for Repairs, which is included at the end of this handbook. If the repair is needed in your room, they will first knock and wait for you to reply. If you are not in, they will enter, assess the work required, and if possible will try to complete the repair straight away, in order that you receive a speedy and efficient service.

#### Health and safety visits by staff and contractors

We are legally obliged to visit the communal areas of your flat to check on such items as the emergency lights, the fire extinguishers and adherence to Fire Regulations. Periodically, contractors will also need to visit your residences in order to carry out vital work to ensure that BBC is complying with legislation to safeguard your health and safety whilst you are in residence.

For instance, there is a planned maintenance programme to help prevent any outbreak of Legionnaires Disease. You will be given 7 days' notice of any visits by contractors who will be carrying out this statutory maintenance. In some circumstances, however, immediate access to your room may be required by staff, authorised contractors or emergency services personnel – e.g., during fire alarm activations, water leaks, urgent maintenance repairs, unattended music systems playing loudly, etc.

All authorised holders of master keys are permitted to enter a room in such urgent circumstances, if, having knocked on the door, there is no reply. Halls staff and authorised contractors have master keys to access storage and maintenance areas and to unlock rooms in case of emergencies.

#### **Portable Appliance Testing**

#### University owned electrical items

The periodic testing of Portable Appliances to ensure they are safe is a regulatory requirement - Electricity at Work Regulations 1989.

It is the responsibility of the University to have all university owned appliances placed in halls tested by a competent person. As testing proceeds, any failed appliances will be labelled by the tester as 'dangerous - do not use'. In all instances, fails will be notified to the Estates Team. All defective portable appliances will be replaced.

On completion of testing in each building, dated certification and a schedule of testing will be provided by the contractor. The schedule will highlight any defective appliances. Every appliance tested will be date tagged with a self-adhesive PAT label.

#### Student owned electrical items

The Residences Team will ensure that as far as is reasonably practical, appliances brought to the University by residents are safe.

While there is no regulatory requirement to test personal electrical appliances, both residents and residency staff owe a duty of care and must report any appliance which is thought to be unsafe, especially appliances in kitchens and common areas.

Be aware, the University can impose an inspection, at the resident's cost, of any appliance that is deemed unsafe, and remove any such items from the accommodation.

All electrical appliances and leads must comply with BS1363.

If you would like to report any issues related to PAT testing or an electrical item, please contact your Residences Team: 01772 89 2079.

## Heating

Instructions for the wall mounted heaters in bedrooms can be found at the following link:

<u>cdn.yesss.co.uk/documents/2275940\_03\_205867\_</u> InstructionManual\_9e5360492ac038411129b30d3387fbad.pdf

The heater has timed periods of operation; you can toggle these by selecting the button on the wall. The heater also has it's own temperature controls which you can adjust. Please refer to the manual for more details.

The heating in the communal kitchen/lounge is centrally controlled to make the building more energy efficient; if you are unhappy with the temperature please let halls staff know and it can be adjusted for you.

## Kitchen appliances

#### **Cookers**

All cookers in halls are electric with ceramic cooking rings, a grill and an oven. The controls for these are on the front panel of the cooker and are clearly marked. There are two circular switches grouped together that control the cooking rings, grill and oven. The cooker will only work once the clock has been set; if the display is flashing the appliance will not heat up.

All cookers can be isolated by the "cooker switch" which can be found on the wall by the cooker. When the unit is not in use the switch should be in the **off** position.

The grease filter on the extraction unit should be kept clean to minimise any risk of fire. You should remove and wash this in soapy water at least once per month.

If any item is faulty, report it straight away on 01772 896245 or email your Hall Office or if out of office hours, call Security on 01772 892068.

#### When cooking:

- · Make sure the window is open
- Make sure the oven/grill is clean
- Make sure the extractor fan is switched on and working
- Make sure the cooking utensils are fit for purpose
- Make sure no metal objects are used in the microwave
- · Make sure you switch off the cooker at the wall after use
- Make sure that your cooking area is clean and grease-free
- Make sure the kitchen door is closed never wedge or prop it open, it is a fire door

#### Care and maintenance

- Always disconnect the appliance from the power supply before undertaking any cleaning or maintenance.
- Steam cleaners must not be used when cleaning this appliance.
- You should use a non-abrasive cleaner to clean the hob top. Any abrasive cleaner (including Cif) will scratch the surface and could erase the control panel markings.
- Sugar and starch can cause permanent damage to the surface of the hob. Wipe away any spillages immediately but be careful given that the hob top will be hot during and after usage.
- Avoid letting pans boil over where possible to ensure that the need for cleaning is minimal.
- Always use a soft sponge or cloth where possible. Utensils such as scouring sponges and some brushes could cause scratches to the hob top.

#### Cleaning guide

- Light cleaning wipe over the zone to be cleaned with a sponge and hot water, and then wipe off with a soft dry cloth.
- Accumulated baked on stains/dirt, sugar spills or melted plastics wipe over with a sponge and hot water, use a ceramic scraper to remove any large marks or stains and then wipe off with a soft dry cloth.
- Rings and hard water residues

   pour a small amount of warm
   white vinegar onto the stain, leave
   it to stand, and then wipe off with
   a soft dry cloth.
- Shiny metallic streaks use specialist vitroceramic glass cleaner (preferably one with silicone for its protective properties).

#### Refrigeration

All refrigeration in Sandygate Halls is electric. All refrigeration is controlled by a rotary switch found inside the cabinet or a rotary switch on the rear of the casing. The temperature is affected by the surrounding temperature so the maximum setting may be required in summer.

Be aware that when a door is opened an internal light should switch on; if it doesn't check that the unit is switched on at the socket and report any fault on 01772 896245 or email <a href="mailto:accommodationburnley@lancashire.ac.uk">accommodationburnley@lancashire.ac.uk</a> or if out of office hours, call Security on 01772 892068. Keep the fridge clean and be aware of hygiene when storing cooked and raw meats. Wipe any spills and monitor use-by dates on your food items.

In the unlikely event of a suspected coolant leak from your fridge or freezer, please:

- Open the kitchen windows and leave immediately, closing the kitchen door behind you.
- Contact Security immediately from the corridor phone on Ext 2068, or your mobile on 01772 892068 and advise them of your suspicions.
- Do not re-enter the kitchen until allowed to do so by a Security Officer.

#### **Freezers**

If the temperature control is set too high the freezer will frost up over time and it will become necessary to defrost the unit.

#### **Microwave**

All microwaves in Sandygate Halls are for re-heating food and cooking frozen meals. The controls in use are "power settings" and "timer". Before using any microwave check that the unit is clean and if necessary clean any splash marks from the inside of the cabinet. It is advisable to buy a plate cover for use when warming food up to prevent splashing onto the cabinet walls. Before heating frozen food through, read the instructions on the food container thoroughly, if the exact power setting advised on the food is not shown on the microwave, set to the nearest one and then set the timer accordingly. Never leave your cooking unattended when using a microwave.

#### **Dishwashers**

You should set which programme you require when you open the dishwasher. Dish washing tablets must be used in these machines, you must **not** use washing up liquid.

#### Vacuum cleaners

Vacuum cleaners in halls are the "upright" type. With a number of people using one machine the dirt collection compartment can fill up very quickly and this must be emptied on a regular basis.

#### Appliances – user guides

Please see below for user guides for appliances found within your flat. Each item provides a link, which you need to click on.

#### Fridges and freezers

montpellier-appliances.com/product-details/montpellier-mff196w-no-frost-combi-fridge-freezer

beko.co.uk/frost-free-combi-fridge-freezer-cfg1501-silver-white

#### Cookers, ovens and dishwasher

manual-hub.com/manuals/cda-wc142-01-pdf-manual
cda.eu/connector/downloads/manual/12311/SC223\_im.pdf
manualslib.com/manual/1354212/Cda-Hc7621fr.html#manual
manualsearcher.com/cda/ech91ss/manual?p=2

#### Toasters, kettles, microwaves and vacuums

manuall.co.uk/hoover-wre07p-001-vacuum-cleaner

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## A few important rules

#### **Smoking/drugs**

Smoking of any substance (including e-cigarettes) is not permitted in the halls of residence. Any student found smoking in the halls of residence is in breach of the accommodation contract. Do not stand close to any building whilst smoking outside, smoke may drift into rooms through open windows and cause annoyance to residents. The designated smoking area is at the base of the steps going down from the square to Sandygate. Please be aware that all of Sandygate Square is public land belonging to Burnley Borough Council and you may receive a fixed penalty notice for littering if you drop cigarette butts.

Under the Misuse of Drugs Act, 1971, it is a criminal offence for BBC knowingly to permit the use, production or supply of any controlled drugs in residences. It should be clear, therefore, that any student involved with the possession, use or supply of illicit drugs on any of our premises will be reported to University and the police, who may take action against you. You may also be asked by BBC to leave your accommodation.

The University makes available health information regarding drugs for its students. If you have a problem or are concerned about drugs, you should seek advice from Student Support and Wellbeing, or your GP.

#### **Noise**

Excessive noise is not acceptable at any time.

You must remember that other residents may want to sleep or study. The volume of audio devices and TVs should be kept down at all times. The most common complaint in any community is noise and one anti-social person can keep the whole flat/floor awake because noise travels easily in this sort of communal building.

Slamming doors and talking and shouting in the corridors can be extremely irritating to someone trying to work or sleep. If you are being annoyed by noise, and you are not comfortable in approaching the offender then you should raise the matter in the first instance with Security. If necessary, get together with other residents and make a joint complaint.

Persistent offenders of anti-social behaviour may be asked to withdraw from the halls. You may telephone Security anonymously regarding noise abuse from neighbours, and staff will attend to solve the problem without involving you.

Please also be considerate to other people who live and work in the Sandygate area. Students are expected to respect the privacy of the local residents and avoid bringing either BBC or the University into disrepute.

Contact University Security to report any noise concerns.

Tel: **01772 892068** 

Email: SecurityBurnley@lancashire.ac.uk

#### **Guests**

You may have guests for up to three consecutive nights during any week, three times per semester. Guests must be 18 years of age or older. We do not allow overnight guests during the first two weeks of semester, when students are settling into their accommodation. You must obtain a guest pass from Halls staff at the office prior to their visit, please request this at least 48 hours in advance so that accommodation staff have enough time to deal with your request.

Please ensure that you have spoken to your flatmates regarding your prospective guests and that they agree to your guest having use of the services available in your flat. To obtain a guest pass bring a copy of a letter which they have signed as their agreement to your guest staying. Guests are monitored on the frequency of their visits to ensure that constant visits do not cause friction. BBC and/or the Halls Staff reserves the right to refuse permission.

Remember that your guests are your responsibility while on site - this includes being responsible for (and paying for) any damage they may cause. Also, if you have an unauthorised guest who is discovered in the halls they will be told to leave the building irrespective of the time of day/night.

#### Overnight absence

If you intend to stay away for more than two nights, you should, if possible, inform your flatmates and Security, leaving an address where you can be contacted. Please co-operate with this, as emergencies do occur and it is then essential that the halls staff or BBC can contact you or account for your absence. If you change your contact details, home address, mobile telephone number, etc., please contact <a href="mailto:studentaccommodation@lancashire.ac.uk">studentaccommodation@lancashire.ac.uk</a> with your new details, as they manage the online system for allocations and rent payments on behalf of BBC.

#### **Pets**

All pets are prohibited in the halls of residence and we strongly advise against feeding animals which you may think are strays. This could lead to an animal being enticed away from its owner causing distress to the animal and owner. Please do not forget that you are only resident in halls for a 42 week period. If you think an animal is a stray please contact the RSPCA.

#### **Damages**

Any damage to your residence should be reported immediately. Cases of unreported and un-attributable damage to communal areas will be charged to residents in that area. Repairs to any damage caused by you will be charged to you, so that Burnley Borough Council do not suffer any financial loss. The communal areas will be inspected when you vacate your room - this could be after a room transfer, withdrawal from the university or at the end of contract, and any issues found that could involve a recharge will be notified to all students living in that flat.

All flat occupants have a responsibility to report communal damage as it may occur.

When the communal areas are inspected after your departure, you will be notified of any charges via your personal e-mail address and appeals against all charges must be submitted to <a href="mailto:accommodationburnley@lancashire.ac.uk">accommodationburnley@lancashire.ac.uk</a> via email.

Any appeal should be submitted by 31 August of the academic year in which the charge was made. Any appeals made after this date will not be considered.

## Respect for your flat and hall

#### **Posters**

Each year we find that some students attach self-adhesive hooks, posters, etc., using blue tac, white tac, drawing pins, sticky tape as well as other self-adhesive items which inevitably causes damage to the painted wall surfaces.

Therefore we strongly advise the following:

- Do not attach any items to the paintwork by any means.
- Use white-tac to attach to wooden surfaces only.
- · Use drawing pins to attach to notice boards.
- Do not attach posters to walls this is likely to cause damage to the paintwork and if this occurs you will be charged for repainting costs.

#### **Ball games**

Ball games are not permitted, either inside or outside the halls of residence, whether a sign is displayed or not.

#### Litter

In the halls of residence students are expected to dispose of litter/rubbish in a proper manner via the correct containers that are placed by their accommodation, including recycling containers.

There should only be one bag of rubbish in any kitchen at any time and any full bag of rubbish must be disposed of as soon as is practicable.

## Items not permitted in halls

#### Not permitted in bedrooms

- **X** Heaters
- X Any portable gas appliances
- Microwave ovens
- ✗ Plug-in cookers/hobs
- Deep fat fryers
- ✗ BBQ trays
- **X** Washing machines
- **X** Driers
- X Rice cookers
- **X** Toasters
- **X** Kettles
- Fridges
- **X** Freezers
- **X** Pets

- X Bicycles, e-bikes and e-scooters
- Candles, incense sticks, tea-lights, fireworks or any other items operating with a flame
- Any dangerous or illegal substances
- Any firearms flare guns, weapons, replica weapons, knives, airguns, swords or ammunition.
- Nitrous Oxide or pressurized gases of any type, in cylinders of any size and type, except for prescribed medical use
- Any substance which is capable of producing a psychoactive effect in a person who consumes it, and is not an exempted substance under the Psychoactive Substances Act 2016

#### Not permitted in communal areas

- **X** Heaters
- X Any portable gas appliances
- Deep fat fryers
- Washing machines
- **X** Driers
- Plug-in cookers / hobs
- ✗ BBQ trays
- **X** Fridges
- Freezers
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## Contractual / halls information

## Changing your accommodation and moving rooms within Sandygate Halls

If you have any queries about the terms of your contract then please email studentaccommodation@lancashire.ac.uk

Below are the answers to some of the most frequently asked questions:

There are a number of reasons why you may want to change rooms and although we accommodate these requests wherever possible, it obviously depends on whether there are other rooms available. All room changes must be approved in writing and are subject to an administrative levy of £25. Students who have unauthorised debts with BBC will not be allowed to change their accommodation until their payments are up to date. Please note that unauthorised transfers will incur a financial charge.

To request a room move please fill out your details at lancashire.ac.uk/moverequest

### Leaving Sandygate Halls to move into the private sector

You have signed a legally binding contract of accommodation. This means:

- That you can move within Sandygate Halls if vacancies exist.
- You cannot normally move out of Sandygate
   Halls to the Private Sector before the end of
   your contract unless you find a replacement to
   take your room who is not currently a resident in
   Sandygate Halls and is acceptable to BBC.
- If you do move out without finding an approved replacement you will still be liable for the total charge for your accommodation. You can contact studentaccommodation@lancashire.ac.uk if you still want to move to the Private Sector, who will do their best to assist you to find a replacement.

If you wish to be released from your accommodation contract you should be aware of the following:

 There is no guarantee that a replacement student tenant will be found.

- The onus to find a replacement student tenant is yours – the replacement student tenant must be acceptable to BBC.
- The allocations system prioritises rooms where no student is contracted, this means other rooms may be re-let before yours.
- At certain times of the year new students arrive on campus unexpectedly, if we have your room key we are more likely to be able to re-let the room to these students, thus releasing you from your obligations. The decision to leave your key with us before the end of your accommodation contract, however, is entirely up to you, and you will still be able to change your mind and recollect your key to access your room until an acceptable replacement is found or your contract terminates.
- If you return your key and we have not already re-let your room you are free to make arrangements to recollect your key by telephoning the accommodation office on 01772 895636 during normal office hours.
   Please refer to the Conditions of Residence.

#### Withdrawal from the University

Your attention is drawn to the Conditions of Residence:

#### Option to terminate if not a student

- (i) BBC grants the Student the right to occupy the Premises in order to enable him/her to attend the University as a student. The Student occupies the Premises under Schedule 1 Paragraph 8 of the Housing Act 1988 and not by virtue of any assured tenancy. If the Student fails to enrol with the University or fails to take occupation of the Premises or ceases to be a student of the University (for whatever reason) BBC may bring the Accommodation Contract to an end by giving at least 28 days' notice in writing to the Student.
- (ii) If the Student withdraws from the University he/ she should provide written notification of this to the Student Accommodation Service <a href="mailto:studentaccommodation@lancashire.ac.uk">studentaccommodation@lancashire.ac.uk</a> as soon as possible. On receipt of this written notification, the Accommodation Contract shall terminate:
  - (a) 28 days after the date of written notification of withdrawal given by the Student to the Student Accommodation Service or, **if later**,
  - (b) the date on which all of the keys or means of electronic entry for the Premises are returned to the Student Accommodation Service.

Termination is conditional upon verification of the Student's withdrawal from the University. The Student shall remain liable for the Total Charge up until the termination of the Accommodation Contract or if later, the date on which all of the keys and/or means of electronic entry for the Premises are returned to halls staff at Sandygate Halls Office.

It is **your** responsibility to inform the Student Accommodation Service, by email to <u>studentaccommodation@lancashire.ac.uk</u> that you have withdrawn from the University.

#### Summer vacation residence (if available)

During the summer vacation major refurbishment and maintenance programmes take place in the halls of residence. Halls are also used for conference guests in order to help keep the rents low for students. With this in mind if you require accommodation during the summer vacation you must re-apply by the required date. We do advise current student residents of the deadline date for applying for summer accommodation as availability is limited.

You may not be able to retain your term-time room and if this is the case you will be transferred to other residences provided there is availability. The Conditions of Residence and University Regulations continue to apply during the vacation. Students who have unauthorised debts with the Council will not be allowed to take up vacation residence.

#### **Holidays / vacations**

When vacating your accommodation for a period of time, take all valuables with you. Inform Security of a telephone number you can be contacted on in case of need.

#### **Departure / end of tenancy**

The contract you signed when you agreed to take on the room will stipulate the date on which your contract expires and you must vacate the Hall on or before that date. Towards the end of the summer term, you will receive an invitation to complete our electronic check out procedure. This will advise you where you need to return your keys and access card to.

At the end of your contract, or whenever you move out of the Hall your key and electronic card must be returned to Office at the Hall.

If you fail to return your key and electronic card by the end of the contracted period you may face a continuing charge for your room or be charged for replacement locks and/or replacement keys/electronic cards.

If you fail to vacate your room at the end of your accommodation contact BBC may take legal action against you.

When returning your key and electronic card you can ask for a receipt that has a unique reference number printed on it. Please quote this number in any communication re keys and electronic cards.

The accommodation must be cleaned prior to your departure. Failure to do so will result in a charge for additional cleaning together with an administrative fee.

There should be no deterioration of the property (including communal areas) beyond fair wear and tear. Any deterioration caused by neglect or malicious damage will be charged for.

It is important that all rubbish and waste is disposed of at the end of your tenancy. Failure to dispose of items may result in an additional cleaning charge.

Important: When your flat/accommodation is vacated permanently at the end of the accommodation contract, please make sure all fridges and freezers are switched off/unplugged and the fridge and freezer doors are left open.

In the past fridge/freezer units have been turned off with food still inside them, or empty fridge/freezer units have been left with their doors closed, and the units have been ruined by the rotting food or mould. If any unit is found in this condition, the cost of a replacement fridge/freezer will be charged to the appropriate residents of the flat concerned.

## **Accommodation charges**

The residential charge entitles you to stay in this room for the dates stipulated on your Accommodation Contract. If you require accommodation beyond this time you must contact the University Student Accommodation Service by emailing studentaccommodation@lancashire.ac.uk

Any student involved in breaching the Conditions of Residence may not be considered for future BBC accommodation or extensions to existing contracts. The fees, per person, for your accommodation are as stated in the Accommodation Contract. These fees are inclusive of electricity, water and gas. You should have made arrangements for payment of accommodation fees prior to arrival. If you have any queries regarding payment, please email studentaccommodation@lancashire.ac.uk

If you feel that you have a financial problem that will not allow you to meet your accommodation payment deadlines, you must contact us, sooner rather than later. It may be possible to re-arrange your payment schedule.

Telephone Student Accommodation: 01772 892529 or email: studentaccommodation@lancashire.ac.uk

There is advice on avoiding student debt and this can be found at: lancashire.ac.uk/studentsupport

#### Keys and key cards

Access to the main entrance of the hall is via a programmed swipe card.

Locks are fitted to the entrance doors of individual flats. At the start of your tenancy you will be issued with a key with an encoded identity of your flat and room and access control proximity card which allows you access to the building entrances. Any lost keys and cards must be reported immediately to your Hall Office during office hours and to Security at any other time. Depending on the circumstances, keys and electronic cards are replaced for a charge of £9, and £5 respectively. Replacement post box keys are £5

Keys are not able to withstand being thrown repeatedly to the ground from upper floor windows to give guests access to the halls. When permanently vacating your room, keys and cards should be returned to the Halls Office.

Failure to return the keys and cards may result in a continuing charge for your room and a charge for your key.

You should not provide your key to any other persons, guests or other residents.

Staff and authorised contractors are instructed to lock your room in your absence, even if your room was open when they entered it, so please keep your key with you at all times. If you become locked out of the building security will need to verify your identify before they can allow access to your room. Ideally this will be your student card, if you do not have this you can obtain it from the library at Sandygate Mill.

#### Damages / replacement charges

Damages in individual flats are charged to all occupants unless a resident admits sole responsibility. Damages in individual study bedrooms are charged to the occupier. Damages caused in stairwells can be charged to the entire block. The following list is a guide, is not exhaustive and damages will be recharged according to the actual costs (inclusive of labour and VAT) that have to be met by the University at the time.

#### **Labour charges**

Admin charge, per item	£17.50		
Electrician, per hour	£45		
Plumber, per hour	£45		
Joiner, per hour	£35		
Heating engineer, per hour	£45		
Cleaning per hour	£32.50 (minimum 1 hour charge)		
Call out charges for bedroom blinds	£117.40-£234.79		

Call out charges may also be charged when trades people have to attend incidents out of office hours. These prices are approximates and are subject to change.

#### Replace flooring (prices from)

Full room	Full kitchen	Full corridor
£1,415.88	£1,490.91	£1,600

#### Repaint (prices from)

Full room	Full kitchen	Full corridor
£350	£425	£450

proximity cards

£9.00 each

#### Damages / replacement charges

Description (prices fro	m)						
Cleaning		Blinds		Chair		Bedroom	
Kitchen	Hourly rate	Blind	£84.81	Dining chair	£42.20	Mattress	£100.80
Room	Hourly rate	Blind chain	£150.00	Armchair	£263.75	Noticeboard	£38.52
Cabinet		Plus call out charge		Modular corner unit	£362.05	Bedframe	£192.60
Kitchen unit door	£80.87	Glass		3 seater sofa	£419.40	Wallboard	£58.40
Drawer pack	£439.30	Window pane – bedroom	£680.00	Study chair	£67.05	Wardrobe	£473.45
Rangemaster tap pack	£118.11	Window pane – kitchen	£992.00	Bathroom		Wardrobe door	£35.30
Wall unit single	£119.87	Willdow parie – kitchen	£332.00	Roll holder	£10.09	Wardrobe drawer front	£17.65
Wall unit double	£188.06	Mirror		Seat	£10.03	Wall mounted shelf	£127.85
Work surface	£97.40	Bedroom	£36.50	Towel rail	£15.66	Table/Desk	
WOIN SUITACE	L37.40	Bathroom £19.05	£19.05	Shower bi-fold door	£109.23	Dining table	£208.80
Fire		Kitchen Appliances		Shower bi-fold door	£109.23	Study desk	£409.40
Fire blanket	£16.00	Cooker	£289.97	Door - Fire		Drawer unit	£195.70
Extinguisher water	£38.50	Ceramic hob	£379.97	Bed/flat/bath/WC	£216.69	Drawer unit	£195.70
Extinguisher powder	£40.00	Extractor	£169.97	Kitchen door	£443.53	TVs/Electricals	
Extinguisher foam	£91.00	Splashback	£93.40	Vision panel	£175.00	43"	£379.00
Extinguisher CO <sub>2</sub>	£50.00	Fridge/freezer	£424.97	Handles and Closers		50"	£429.00
Locks and Keys		Dishwasher	£266.21	Bedroom door	£75.00	75"	£899.00
Mechanical lock		Microwave	£77.00	Bedroom closer	£150.00	Soundbar	£499.00
cylinder – bedroom	£61.04	Vacuum	£49.99	Window handle	£75.00	TV remote	£17.99
Mechanical door		Kettle	£14.99	Williadw Hariale	£73.00		
key cluster/bedroom	£9.00	Toaster	£14.33	Pool Table		All prices shown are inclus	
Postbox keys	£5.00	Iron	£19.99 £14.99	Pool table	£1,231.67	at the current rate. All price above are plus admin and	
Access control proximity cards £5.00		IIOH	L14.33	Pool cue	£33.31	charges and are subject to change.	
End of tenancy non-retu of keys access control	urn						

#### Response times for repairs

#### **Category A**

Emergency - immediate response

#### Type of repair

All gas leaks

Dangerous structural faults

Dangerous electrical faults

Major water leaks which cannot be turned off

Major fire, flood, lightning and storm damage

A need to gain entry when no other access available

Blocked drains depending on problem, may be emergency to 14 days.

Loss of electrical power\*\*

Burglar alarm that won't turn off

Any problems which pose immediate major danger to health and safety of residents

Other emergency works not covered above

\*\*N.B. These repair priority categories do not include areas which are the responsibility of Statutory Utility Providers (eg gas / water / electricity).

#### **Category B**

Response within 24 hours

#### Type of repair

Insecure flat entrance door
If replacement door required see
Category F. All efforts will be
made to effect a temporary repair
in the meantime.

No Mains Water\*\*

Broken external window (where security breached)

Board within 24 hours.

Broken internal glazing (eg door or inner pane of double glazing) Glazing will be made safe. For replacement see Category F.

No heating (in Winter)

If problem cannot be repaired within 24 hours, then portable heaters may be supplied.

Faulty WC (if only one in residence)

Major leaks that can be turned off

Faulty light

(when only light in room)

If repair cannot be effected within 24 hours, then desk lamp may be provided.

Faulty freezer

Whilst awaiting repair/ replacement, then food to be transferred to Housekeepers' freezer.

#### **Category C**

Response within 48 hours or, if after 4pm on Friday, on next working day)

#### Type of repair

Defective main cooker (i.e. all hobs and oven not working)

If repair or replacement is not possible within 48 hours, then a portable cooker and/or a microwave to be supplied.

No hot water (when affecting sole bathing supply)

Insecure block entrance / bedroom doors

Minor leaks

Lift failure (if occupants not trapped and access for wheelchair users unaffected)

#### **Category D**

Response within 7 days

#### Type of repair

Replacement showers / shower valves

Replacement of faulty freezers

Replacement of faulty fridges

Faults to part of main cooker (eg a hob or oven not working) If repair or replacement is not possible within 48 hours, then a portable cooker and/or a microwave to be supplied.

Faulty lights, where light is not only source of illumination in room (excluding desk lamps)

Faulty door closers

Blocked sink

Suspected infestation (i.e. rodents, pigeons, insects) Resolution will depend on nature of treatment and co-operation of residents.

Faulty microwave

Repairs / replacement locks, to block entrance/ bedroom doors (where not a security issue)

Faulty taps

Repairs to broken items of furniture

No hot water (where not affecting sole bathing supply)

Ease doors

Minor repairs to windows (eq easing windows, draughts)

#### Response times for repairs

#### **Category E**

Response within 14 days

Type of repair

Reglazing to broken external window (where security breached)

Non-dangerous electrical faults (eg faulty socket)

Damaged ceiling tiles

Faulty desk lamp

Faults with tiling in shower area

Repairs to / Replacement of tanks and cylinders

#### **Category F**

Response within a month

Type of repair

Faulty doorbell

Repair work to cupboard doors

Minor roof/gutter repairs

Dependant on weather conditions.

Replacement doors (for security reasons)

Reglazing to broken internal window / door

Replacement of broken item of furniture

Reglazing to external window where security not breached

#### **Category G**

#### Work to be carried out as part of annual refurbishment programme

Type of repair

Replacement cupboard doors

Roofing repairs

Sink units

Draining boards

Renew bath

Non-dangerous flooring repairs / replacement

Installation of repairs to

tiled surround

Repair or renewal of skirting boards or architraves/ beadings

Repairs to internal doors

Replacement of door / window furniture

Replacement of doors

and windows

Repairs to plaster

Painting and decorating

Repairs to blocked or leaking

gutters and fall pipes

Repairs to roof slates and tiles If possible these repairs may be undertaken more quickly if minor, and weather conditions are favourable.

Repairs to rendering

Pointing to brickwork

Repairs to paths and steps

Flagging and fencing

All other bricklaying, joinery or

painting repair work

New electrical installation work

New plumbing installation work



# Information about University Support

#### **Student Support**

Student Support aims to help you make the very best of your time at the University by providing a high-quality information and support service, which is accessible to all. They have a team of dedicated staff made up of experienced customer support advisers and recent graduates, who are on hand to provide you with advice, support and guidance during your time at university. No matter how big or small your query there will be someone there to help.

If you are an international student, you may have specific questions or require information to assist you during your time at the University. Student Support can provide advice and guidance on Tier 4 immigration and visa issues as well as supporting you from your arrival and enrolment through to your graduation.

Student Support also works in conjunction with the Wellbeing service to provide wellbeing support to you throughout your time at University. You can access this support and arrange appointments by attending one of their daily drop- in sessions or by speaking to an advisor at the front desk.

The team also operates as the front face of our Inclusive Support Service. You can disclose a disability or long- term condition to the team and receive information and guidance about available support that's right for you.

You can find out more about support services here:

#### lancashire.ac.uk/burnley

If you would like to access wellbeing support, the online referral form can be found here:

https://msuclanac.sharepoint.com.mcas.ms/sites/StudentHub/SitePages/Counselling-service.aspx

If you have any questions, please contact us by emailing wellbeing@lancashire.ac.uk

#### Other sources of support

Lancashire Recovery College - Accessible and fun health and wellbeing courses, activities and volunteering opportunities.

lscft.nhs.uk/lancashire-recovery-college

Together All - A safe online community to support your mental health.

togetherall.com

The Hub of Hope - Resource directory to find local support in your area.

hubofhope.co.uk

NHS Talking Therapies - Find a counsellor/therapist near to you.

nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-psychological-therapies-service

**Lancashire Women** - Emotional support, mentoring, groups, debt advice for women and men aged over 16 years.

lancashirewomen.org

Campaign Against Living Miserably (CALM) Mental health information and web chat page.

thecalmzone.net

**Maundy Relief** – Support ranging from food parcels, benefits support and counselling services. Accrington-based serving the community in Hyndburn.

maundyrelief.org.uk

#### Mental Health Helpline 0800 9154640

Monday - Friday, 7pm - 11pm, Saturday - Sunday 12pm -12am The Helpline is a listening, information and emotional support service for those concerned about their own mental health, or that of someone they know.

NHS Non-Emergency Direct Line 111 or visit elht.nhs.uk/patients/feeling-unwell

The Samaritans 116123 (No dial code required) or text: 07725909090

#### PAPYRUS HOPELine UK pat@papyrus-uk.org

HOPELineUK is a specialist telephone service staffed by trained professionals who give non-judgemental support, practical advice and information to children, teenagers and young people up to the age of 35 who are worried about how they are feeling and to anyone who is concerned about a young person.

Lancashire Victim Support - victimsupport.org.uk/livechat
Outside office hours - call Supportline on 0808 16 89 111

No Panic on 0844 9674848 10am-10pm everyday

Helpline is answered by trained volunteers to give out information, show empathy and support for people who suffer from panic attacks, phobias, obsessive compulsive disorders and other related anxiety disorders.

#### SAFE Centre 01772 523344 24 hour service

The SAFE Centre offers medical examination, advice and support to women, men and children who have experienced sexual assault or rape.

#### **Useful numbers:**

Sandygate Accommodation Office 01772 896245 Ext 6245

**Security** 01772 892068 Ext 2068

Student Accommodation Service (Preston Main Office) 01772 892529 Ext 2529

**Student Support** 01772 896050 Ext 6050

Wellbeing Services 01772 893020 Ext 3020

Emergency: Ambulance/Police/Fire 999/112

Police Non-Emergency 101

NHS Direct 111

# Counselling, Mental Health and Wellbeing

Our team of knowledgeable and experienced Mental Health and Wellbeing Advisors are waiting to support you with any issues that may arise throughout your academic journey.

There may be times when you feel overwhelmed, stressed, experience difficulties with your health, housing, personal life or studies. If you feel like this at any point or are finding things difficult in any other way, our Counselling, Mental Health and Wellbeing Service can help, support and advise you.

You can come along to see us in the Student Centre on our Preston Campus, which is open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Thursday and 9am to 4pm Friday.

If you are based at our Westlakes or Burnley campuses, then please come along to the Student Support desk who will be able to help you make initial contact or book an appointment at a time that works for you. You can also book your own appointment via the link below.

Counselling, mental health and wellbeing service

Contact us by emailing wellbeing@lancashire.ac.uk

Alternatively, you can telephone us on **01772 893020**. Both our email and voicemail are monitored during our office opening hours.

#### 24/7 Wellbeing Support

Free and confidential support for all students. Available in multiple languages.

- Anxiety and depression
- · Loss and grief
- Friendships and relationships
- · Stress and work-life balance

Call or message:

UK: **+44 (0)800 0318 227** 

International: **00353 1 518 0277** 

WhatsApp: +44 (0)7418 360 780

Sign up using your university email address and the code 'LANCS':

universityofcentrallancashire.spectrum.life/login

## Our Stance on Harassment and Sexual Misconduct

Here at the University of Lancashire we are committed to fostering a community where everyone can live, work, and study free from harassment, sexual misconduct, abuse, coercive behaviour, or related misconduct.

It is important to us that every member of our community can fulfil their potential without fear. Any form of harassment or sexual misconduct is unacceptable, and we are committed to preventing and responding to any incidents that may occur.

We understand that these issues affect people across society, including within university settings and that is why we've have developed a range of resources to support your learning journey during your time with us and beyond.

Our stance on Harassment and Sexual Misconduct webpage outlines the University's approach to preventing and responding to harassment and sexual misconduct. It includes key information about our policies, procedures, investigation processes, outcomes, and our Code of Practice on Freedom of Speech.

The webpage is designed to provide all the relevant information you may need during your time at university, while also reflecting our shared commitment to cultural change and a respectful learning environment for all.

### **Expect Respect: Harassment and Sexual Misconduct - Student Training**

Designed for our learning community in collaboration with university experts and the Student Unions, we have created a new student educational resource which will be available for all new and incoming students to the university this year. The resource aims to empower you with the knowledge and skills to:

- · Recognise harassment and sexual misconduct
- Understand boundaries and consent
- Respond appropriately and access support
- Share concerns safely and confidently
- Contribute to a respectful and inclusive culture

During your induction period, you will hear more about this from your academic team, who will guide you through what's expected. Additionally, you will also receive regular email communication from the University encouraging you to complete the training.

#### What to expect:

Duration: Approximately 45 minutes, however you can pause and return at any time.

Support: We recognise that individuals may have personal experiences related to these topics. That's why we've included supportive tools and options throughout the training to help you engage at your own pace

If you're a returning or progressing student and would like access to the training, please contact the CMHW Team for support.

#### How to share concerns

#### **Report and Support**

If you or someone you know has experienced harassment or sexual misconduct, or have witnessed it yourself, you can make a disclosure, anonymously or with your contact details, through the University's Report + Support platform.

Making a disclosure through Report and Support does not initiate a formal investigation but ensures that we can contact you to offer appropriate support and guidance from the University (where a named report is made).

#### The Student's Union

As an independent body, the Students' Union can offer a confidential space to talk to someone and get practical advice. They can support you through university processes, help you access support, and advocate on your behalf if needed.

The Students' Union is also a third-party hate crime reporting centre, meaning you can report incidents of hate or discrimination through them, if you don't wish to go directly to the police.

# Complaints and / or suggestions

#### **Complaints**

The Council's Service Provider, the University, will seek to deal with any concerns about the service provided on an informal basis.

Please email: accommodationburnley@lancashire.ac.uk

If, however, a Student wishes to make a formal complaint, the Council's complaints procedure must be followed. Details are available at burnley.gov.uk

#### **Suggestions**

If you wish to make any suggestions relating to your accommodation at Sandygate Halls, please email:

accommodationburnley@lancashire.ac.uk





**Student Services**