

## **CURFEW GUIDELINES & SLEEPOVER POLICY**

### **(CUSTODIAL STUDENTS)**

It is essential all our students are kept safe while studying aboard. However, our youngest custodianship students can be more vulnerable than our older students. Therefore, the College has created a set curfew every custodianship student must follow while staying in a Columbia College homestay.

Below is the student's curfew that has been determined by the student's age:

#### **Weekday curfew time (Sunday to Thursday):**

- 9:00 pm for 15 and 16 - year old
- 10:00 pm for 17 and 18 - year old

#### **Weekend curfew time (Friday and Saturday night):**

- 11:00 pm for 15 and 16 - year old
- 12:00 am for 17 and 18 - year old

The host family takes the role of keeping their students safe seriously. They are committed to following the designated curfew and will report to the Homestay Coordinator any student who is consistently late. The student will be given a verbal warning (depending on the circumstance) and natural parents may be notified. This can also result in leaving the homestay program altogether.

At times, the host family may not feel comfortable with the curfew in the early days of a student's arrival and may ask the student to come home earlier until they get to know them better. If this occurs, please contact the Homestay Department to discuss further.

Occasionally, exceptions can be made and the curfew extended when approved by the host family prior to the student making plans.

**\*\*No last-minute text messages to the host family before the student is expected home \*\***

## SLEEPOVER POLICY

- All custodial students must have permission from their host family and/or natural parents prior to spending the night outside of the home.
- Students will need to plan ahead and provide sufficient notice to their host family or the Homestay Department depending on where the student plans to stay. Students should not assume the sleepover will be approved.
- If the student plans to spend the night at another Columbia Colleges' host family, the student's host family will contact the adult of the other homestay to ensure they have agreed, and are aware of the arrangements.
- The host family will determine whether they feel comfortable allowing their student to spend the night outside of the home, or if another student can spend the night at theirs.
- If the student plans to spend the night outside of the homestay program, (other student does NOT stay in a Columbia College homestay eg. apartment) the student will contact the Homestay Department with details of where they will be staying. The Homestay Department will contact the student's natural parents with details requiring their written permission.
- The natural parents CANNOT directly provide permission to the host family without first providing written permission to the Homestay Department. The Homestay Department will contact the host family based on the natural parent's decision.