



Private Student Accommodation Guide

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How to book private student accommodation with FutureLets

1. Please ensure you complete one application form for each person in your group. You are required to pay a holding deposit of £65 per person on submission of your application. The property deposit payment must be made in full within seven days of your booking. Once you have paid a deposit for a property, you will be entering into a legal agreement, the terms of which you will be obliged to fulfil for the entire length of the tenancy agreement.
2. Please ensure you have consent from your nominated guarantor before you submit their details. At this stage you will have booked a property, therefore you will need to make an appointment to sign your agreement within seven days of submitting an application.
3. If you do not have a guarantor who is a UK resident and earning in excess of £28,000 per annum, you will need to pay the rent for the entire tenancy period in two six-monthly advance payments.

Alternatively, you may wish to find out more from Housing Hand's rent guarantor service offering fully comprehensive cover of rent, damages/dilapidations to students.
www.housinghand.co.uk

4. The property deposit is equivalent to one calendar months' rent. If you are renting with friends, the deposit is divided between you.
5. Rent is usually due every three months in advance, however more flexible arrangements can be made for July, August and September rents. You will need to discuss your options with a FutureLets representative in advance of booking.
6. The first rental instalment must be paid in full prior to your tenancy commencing.
7. Please be aware of the conditions of entering into a legally binding contract. Once you have paid a deposit, you will not be able to cancel your agreement. You will be responsible to abide by your obligations as a tenant for the entire length of your contract. Please read the draft contract available in the FutureLets office, or on the student tab on our website. We strongly advise that you read through the draft contract before you proceed with your application.
8. Prior to signing the agreement, it is important that you ensure that all dates and details are correct.

Change of circumstances – your obligations

1. In the event that an individual tenant does not wish to continue their tenancy, it is their responsibility to find a suitable replacement tenant. The tenant is required to pay £180 including VAT to the landlord/agent to facilitate the replacement of the tenant, which equates to the reasonable cost incurred by the landlord/agent, when requested by the tenant, including any assignment or other change permitted by clause 8.1. of the tenancy agreement.
2. Replacement of any outgoing tenant is only considered successful when the incoming tenant signs a tenancy agreement, pays the rent and the deposit and moves into the property. It remains the outgoing tenant's and group's responsibility to protect their interests.

The outgoing tenant will need to request written verification of the replacement's success from either the landlord or landlord's agent, confirming that all of the conditions for the replacement have been satisfied before they sign a new tenancy agreement on another property.

3. Following successful replacement with a suitable tenant and receipt of all paperwork and payment in full, no further liability for rental payment will be expected. Until then, the entire group will be liable for the full outstanding rent.
4. If you have any questions or require any clarification on any aspect of your contract, please discuss this with a member of staff before signing.



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Once you have chosen your new home

To avoid disappointment it is important that you reserve the property you would like. Please see the additional information on the reservation process on page 2 of this booklet.

Signing a tenancy agreement

Tenancy agreements are legally binding for the duration of the agreement and may be enforced by a court of law. The agreement sets out the promises made by the tenant to the landlord and vice versa. Therefore, it is essential that you make sure you read the documents thoroughly and question anything that you are unsure of. By booking accommodation, you are agreeing to the terms of a contract, which includes paying the rent for the duration of the agreement.

Documents we require

In order to book accommodation and to move in, FutureLets tenants will need to ensure that they provide the following documentation. Failure to provide any of the below will delay the booking process, collection of keys, and could affect your payment schedule.

- Student status letter (confirmation of enrolment) - this will confirm your full-time student status and your course details for us to verify. This can be obtained from any of the information points in the faculties or you can obtain this yourself by logging into the Nova system.
- Photo ID - this could be a copy of your photo driving licence or passport.
- Completed guarantor form - the guarantor form will be emailed out once we have received all completed application forms. Tenants will need their guarantor's consent before nominating them as their guarantor.
- Right to Rent - if you're an international student we would need to carry out additional checks. We would either require a BRP Card/or Visa insert until such time you have this. If you're an EU student, we would require your share code.

Guarantor's acceptance is subject to:

- Successful credit check
- Photo ID (driving licence or passport)
- Proof of address (utility bill dated within the last three months)
- Completed, signed, witnessed and returned guarantor form

Failure to return a completed guarantor form means tenants will be required to make payment of six months' rent upfront or refer to Housing Hand's website - www.housinghand.co.uk.

Paying your rent

Your first rental payment will be made to FutureLets. However, depending on the letting, subsequent payments may be made directly to your landlord on the date specified in the tenancy agreement. Please be aware that late rental payments usually incur charges, therefore you must pay on time in order to avoid these extra costs.

Rental payments

The payment schedule will be included on the second page of your tenancy agreement. It is advisable to set up standing orders, for the dates that rent is due, into the FutureLets account. Payments can also be made in the office or transferred directly to our account.

Each student/group is issued with a unique tenancy reference which they will be required to use when making payments.



Deposits

The holder of the deposit, paid by the tenant, will register the deposit to the nominated tenancy deposit scheme (as defined in section 212(2) of the Housing Act 2004). Any outstanding amounts for damage or monies owed to the landlord will be deducted from your deposit. You will be advised by email which scheme the landlord has sent your deposit to. It is a good idea to take photos when you first move in to confirm the condition of the property. Your deposit will be returned after your tenancy ends subject to the condition the property is left in.

You can find out more about the scheme FutureLets uses at www.depositprotection.com.

Insurance

It is advisable to take out personal belongings (contents) insurance for your possessions.

You must leave the property as you found it. Please see "exit inspection" on the student tab at www.futurelets.co.uk for more guidance. Remember the landlord will claim for any cleaning charges and/or repairs from your deposit.



Insight into local areas

Coventry is a great place to live and won the accolade of City of Culture 2021. It is an eclectic place to live with restaurants serving food from around the world, bars, cafés and the independent shops of Fargo Village.

It is really easy to get around and has a good bus and train network so you can easily explore the rest of the UK. Many of the areas that are popular with students are within walking distance of Coventry University. This also means that when you have to get a taxi, they don't cost too much.

City centre

There are places to live in the city centre, which obviously has great advantages - not far to walk, close to loads of shops and places to eat and drink.

Hillfields

Hillfields is just around the corner from the university and has lots of student accommodation, including university halls. A taxi will be around £5 to the university or into town. Hillfields has its own shopping centre with many ethnic food shops and convenience stores.

Lower Coundon

Located just outside the city centre and close to a large Morrisons supermarket, Lower Coundon is popular with students and is a 20 minute walk to the university. A taxi will cost approximately £7. There are corner shops and takeaways and it is on a main bus route into Coventry. There is a choice of bus services and routes depending on where you live in Coundon.

Earlsdon

Earlsdon is a really popular area with both Coventry University and Warwick University students. It's also a place where people spend time in the evening as there are a selection of pubs and places to eat. You can walk to the university from most places in Earlsdon in about 25 minutes. A taxi home would cost approximately £8. There are a range of buses from Earlsdon that go into the city centre as well. The bonuses for anyone living in Earlsdon are the great shops, including lots of charity shops where you can pick up a vintage bargain, organic stores and independent shops.

Chapelfields

Chapelfields is very popular with students from both Coventry University and Warwick University. It takes around 25 minutes to walk to the university and costs approximately £8 for a taxi. You can walk to Morrisons (5 minutes), Sainsbury's (10 minutes) or into Earlsdon (10 minutes). The bus service is great here with a choice of buses to get into the city centre. Parking your car is not a problem in Chapelfields either.

Stoke

This is a really popular place to live with Coventry University students. It takes around 25 minutes to walk to and it's approximately £8 for a taxi to the university. It is on the main bus route to the University Hospital so there are lots of buses, ideal for nursing or medical students who will be doing placements as part of their course.





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