

Principles of the Family Friendship Programme

1. The programme

The purpose of the friendship family programme is to give international students a chance to have first-hand experience of the *local* culture and way of life in a *local* family, in addition to life on campus. Through meeting international students, the families also get an opportunity to learn about the students' home countries and cultures. The idea is to spend time together, doing things that are mutually interesting and enjoyable, and get to know each other.

The families and students will be given each other's contact information. The families and students can then contact one another independently. It is up to the student and the family to decide how often they meet and how they will spend their time together.

The family can help the student to adapt to new circumstances and thus make the study period abroad easier and more enjoyable. Getting to know the *local* way of life is best done by taking part in normal family life and in the hobbies of the family.

2. The family: dos and don'ts

The families are not expected to provide the student with a special and costly programme, such as organising trips for the student.

The family can also give advice to the student regarding his or her daily life in Scotland, but they are not responsible for the student's everyday life. The families do not have any financial responsibilities for the student. The students pay themselves for their housing, studies, hobbies, etc.

The student's welfare and safety must always be taken into consideration by the friendship family; the family must not cause the students any harm.

3. The student: dos and don'ts

The student has no obligations to work for the family, for example as a babysitter or language tutor.

The students should show consideration to their friendship families.

4. Withdrawing from the programme

Both students and their families have the right to leave the programme at any time by contacting Sidonie Ecochard: s.ecochard@napier.ac.uk or 0131 455 2910.

If any problems occur, the families and the students are requested to contact Sidonie Ecochard immediately.