

Heating in Student Accommodation

This document outlines the provision of heating in student accommodation.

The decision to turn on heating will be taken by the Bursar, but they will take due account of discussions with the JCR and MCR Presidents, Vice-Presidents, and the JCR Catering, Accommodation and Facilities (CAF) Officer, who will represent student opinion. Where deemed sensible, individual hostels may be heated independently at certain times.

Background heating will typically be provided between the hours of 6.30-9.30am and 5.00-11.00pm.

The decision on when to turn background heating on or off will have regard to the following guiding principles:

1. The heating will normally be turned on by the first day of Michaelmas Full Term. Where this is not the case, it will be because weather conditions appear not to warrant the heating being turned on. If there is a request from students to turn the heating on sooner, the MCR or JCR President or Vice-President will contact the Bursar to discuss the situation, and in making a decision the Bursar will pay regard to any representations made.
2. The heating will typically be turned on if the mean daily temperature is forecast to fall below 14 degrees Celsius for 5 days out of the next 7.
3. The heating should normally be turned off by the end of the first week of Easter Full Term unless, in the opinion of the Bursar after due consultation with JCR and MCR representatives, weather conditions mean this is not sensible.
4. The heating may be turned off earlier than the end of the first week of Easter Full Term, but the Bursar should consult JCR and MCR representatives before making this decision.

Periods of additional background heating as a response to extreme weather spells will not result in additional charges being applied to student bills.

Students are encouraged to contact the JCR CAF Officer or an MCR representative if they are concerned that their heating is not adequate. The JCR and MCR should monitor these messages and liaise with the Domus Bursar and Clerk of Works where they are receiving high volumes of such messages either overall or for particular accommodation blocks. They should otherwise advise students to request portable room heaters if their issue is likely to be local.

Portable room heaters are available from the Head of Housekeeping (housekeeping@corpus.cam.ac.uk), or from the Porters' Lodge at weekends and out of hours. For rooms in Old Court or rooms 6-10 of Botolph Court, a £10 contribution to the electricity bill will be made by the College in each of Michaelmas and Lent Term, as supplementary heating is likely to be needed in these buildings.

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