Revised Visitor Policy

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Sidney Sussex College remains closed to general visitors as a result of the pandemic situation.

Anyone visiting who is not a Sidney member resident or working in College, will only be admitted if they have a specific reason to do so (i.e. a pre-arranged visit to a residential member of the College, business with the College, or to arrange a visit as a prospective applicant).

Visits are restricted to the College grounds only unless there is a particular need to access College buildings (i.e. business with the College).

Any such visit should be arranged in advance by telephoning or emailing the Sidney Sussex Porters’ Lodge (T +(0)1223 3 38800, E porters@sid.cam.ac.uk). Drop-in visits will not be permitted until further notice.

The following rules must be adhered to when visitors arrive in College.

- Visitors should be aware that the College’s COVID-19 risk assessment¹ is available to view on the College website.
- All College buildings remain closed to visitors (including all toilet facilities).
- All those present in College must adhere to social distancing guidelines at all times.
- Visitors are encouraged to visit alone where possible, but group visits are permitted in line with the latest national guidance².
- Visitors should sanitise their hands using the dispenser provided outside the Porters’ Lodge before entry.
- On arrival to the College, one guest from the party should access the Porters’ Lodge, wearing a face covering, and register their attendance (and their group where applicable).
- Visitors will be encouraged to provide their contact details for the purposes of contact tracing. In England, the government has requested that organisations collect only the lead party member’s name, telephone number, and date and time of arrival and departure.
- Visitors should be offered a College map which should not be returned to the Porters’ Lodge.
- Face coverings do not need to be worn outside.
- Visitors should try to limit the visit to no longer than 30 minutes.
- One guest from the party should return to the Porters’ Lodge, wearing a face covering, to confirm departure.

A separate policy will follow for students coming to Sidney for supervisions.