Self-catering by Members of College

The following guidelines are to be adhered to when ‘self-catering’ in College is being considered. To act within these guidelines it is important to differentiate between cooking for oneself, ‘private self-catering’, and ‘catering for an event’.

For the purposes of implementation of these guidelines the following will apply:

a) ‘Private self-catering’ is when a member prepares and consumes food for themselves and their private guests in their house/block. The member is entitled to cook their own food and serve it to their private guests.
   It is permissible for students to share the cooking of a meal, come together in a room (which must be booked through the Accommodation Office in the usual manner) and consume their food amongst themselves. This is to be considered as cooking for ‘their’ consumption and therefore constitutes ‘private self-catering’.

b) When members cook or prepare food and then invite others (from within or from outside College) to consume that food, this will not be considered as ‘private self-catering’ and therefore is not permitted. This scenario will be considered as ‘catering for an event’. ‘Catering for an event’ is when a member requests the use of a room/area/space within the College to cater for ‘others’.

   All ‘events’ that require the provision of food must be catered for by the College kitchens. These arrangements can be made by contacting the Conference and Events Office, conferences@wolfson.cam.ac.uk

Self-catering by residents for any ‘event’, as described in b) is not permitted with the exception of supplying snack items as detailed below:

   pre-packaged snacks, such as biscuits, crisps, nuts, cakes (without fresh cream) and other dried food items. These items must be supplied in a pre-packaged state and served with their original packaging available to any consumer who wishes to know about the ingredients. This requirement is to ensure that all information on allergens contained in the foods is available to the consumer. It is the responsibility of the person making the booking (the ‘Organiser’) to ensure this information is available for all foods that they are supplying.

   If this arrangement cannot be adhered to then the provision of such items is not permitted.

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