

## ACCOMMODATION IN A HOST FAMILY

Living with a German host family is the best and most interesting way to learn the German language and to get an insight into the German way of life. The host may be a family with children, an older couple or a single person. You will share bathroom and kitchen with the host family. Bed linen and towels will be provided.



### Living in Germany

Things in German life may be different from your home country, but don't worry, you will get used to it very soon. Your host family will do all they can to make your stay as pleasant as possible. If there is something you are unsure about, please don't be shy to talk to your host family about it or contact the office team of BWS Germanlingua. Students who are younger than 18 have to be at home until midnight (according to the German law regarding protection of minors).

### Day of arrival

Please contact your host family to tell them your exact arrival details by mail, phone or e-mail at least one week before your arrival date. If you do not tell your host family the time of your arrival early in advance, unfortunately we cannot guarantee that your host will be at home waiting for you the whole day long.

### Meals

Please inform your host family about special diet needs or allergies. Your host family will provide breakfast. You may be required to prepare it yourself, however. Please ask the host family about the mealtimes for dinner if you have booked half board. In Germany dinner time is normally between 6 and 8 pm. The mealtimes are binding. Please inform your host in time, if you don't take part in the meal. There is no right to demand a replacement for the meals you missed.

### Bathroom and laundry

Please remember that your host family also needs to use the bathroom, so do not spend hours in it and please do not waste or use an excessive amount of water. Don't forget to leave the bathroom in the same conditions as you found it (like all other rooms and facilities you share with your host).

With most of our families, you will be able to wash your laundry at some small extra charge for energy and washing powder. Please talk with your family about using the washing facilities before you make use of it.

### Telephone and Internet

Please ask permission if you wish to use the phone. Naturally you will be able to receive incoming calls (but please not before 8 am or after 9 pm). If it is indispensable to make outgoing calls using your host's phone, please use a prepaid card with numerical code which can be used for fixed-line phones (you can buy it at any kiosk). Anyway, all over Berlin there are a lot of call shops and public phones you can use as well. Please use our free internet and WLAN internet access at school to surf and to send and receive e-mails.

### Travelling

The travelling time from the host family to the school could take between 20 to 40 minutes with public transportation, which is quite usual for a major city like Berlin.

