HEATING POLICY

Lancaster University Facilities

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The majority of heating to University buildings is supplied via central heat plant.

The University heating controls are set to heat buildings to maintain an ambient temperature in occupied buildings and residences during heating operational hours. The types and locations of buildings and control systems along with other variables such as room exposure (north, south, east, west) or the room internal heat sources (lights, people, computers, equipment) are all factors that have an impact on overall temperature.

A planned shutdown of the district heating system takes place from 1 June through to 20 September each year to facilitate statutory insurance examinations and essential maintenance.

Academic buildings are classed as 5 day buildings and the heating systems run Monday to Friday between the hours 6am to 6pm.

Residences are classed as 7 day buildings, the heating systems run Monday to Sunday between the hours 6am to 11pm. Heating is not available overnight unless the temperature falls below 5 degrees Celsius for 48 hours continuously.

Heating of buildings during the summer period is rarely required. However it is recognised that external temperatures can occasionally be relatively low. Such conditions are normally temporary and residents and staff are first requested to consider other measures (shutting windows or adjust their clothing) before requesting additional heating.

In exceptional circumstances portable heating equipment can be provided to certain categories of residents and staff whose health and welfare are significantly affected.