

23 February 2021

Dear Boarding Parents

I hope you and your families are all well. As you will have heard on 22 February, the UK government has announced that schools can reopen to all students from 8 March. We will therefore be reopening Boarding from 8 March onwards. For students who are overseas we have written to you separately with the arrangements in place for you. For UK based Boarders, you will receive further information about when Boarding will be open for you son/daughter.

COVID Testing

We will be providing COVID lateral flow tests upon return to boarding. If you have not yet completed the online form giving consent to testing, please could you do so. The link for this form can be found by clicking [here](#). Boarders will be tested twice a week and upon return to the boarding house if they go home at the weekend.

Masks

All students will be required to wear masks in all internal spaces where social distancing is not possible. Students will not be expected to wear a mask when in their dormitory. Please can I ask that you ensure your son/daughter arrives back with a sufficient number of masks to use a clean one each day. Students will be expected to keep a safe distance from one another and follow good hand hygiene.

EXEAT

We will be cancelling Exeat weekend on 13/14 March, this is to ensure students can return to boarding and settle back in before we break up for Easter on 1 April 2021. There will be a charge of £100 for this weekend.

Weekend arrangements

Weekend activities will be aligned to current Government policy for those Boarders who remain with us at a weekend. If your son or daughter wishes to go home for a weekend, this is fine, but we would ask for your support in ensuring they:-

- follow national advice to reduce the risk of catching and spreading COVID
- are collected by a Parent or Guardian rather than using public transport
- avoid close contact with non-family members
- are returned to Boarding by a Parent or Guardian who waits 30 minutes for their COVID test result.
- undertake a test upon return to Boarding

Positive COVID Test



If your son or daughter tests positive for COVID on a lateral flow test we will arrange for them to be isolated and we would ask that you arrange for them to be;

1. Collected by yourself or a family member / guardian within 12 hours.
2. Have a drive through PCR Covid test booked.
3. Attend a PCR Covid test.
4. Share the result with school.
5. If positive isolate for 10 days.

If your son or daughter is a close contact of a positive case at home, they will be unable to return to boarding until they have completed a 10 day isolation period and have negative lateral flow test result.

If your son or daughter is an overseas student, please ensure you have a UK based Guardian in place that will accommodate them should they need to self-isolate. If your son or daughter is an international student and an alternative arrangement cannot be facilitated, there will be an isolation fee of £500 should a positive test for COVID be received.

Self isolation

If a boarding student tests positive for COVID on a lateral flow test, the whole boarding house will be placed in isolation within the boarding house until we have the PCR result. Students will be well cared for and looked after by their staff. If the test result is negative, students will return to normal school life. If positive students who live in that boarding house will remain isolated within their house for 10 days. They will access remote learning during this time and will be supported and cared for by their staff team.

I look forward to writing to you again with further details in the next few days.

Kind regards



Mrs Helen Cullen
Headteacher