

Boarder return to school protocol September

- a) Prior to departing for the UK at the start of term, families must have completed and returned a self-certification that their child has not had symptoms, tested positive or been in contact within 14 days prior to the start of term with anyone who has tested positive for Covid-19. All pupils travelling internationally to return to school must complete the UK government Travel Locator Form prior to departure and must have booked appropriate testing according to the classification of their country of origin on the government's travel list (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/red-amber-and-green-list-rules-for-entering-england>) Prior to departure all individuals aged 10 over must take a Covid-19 test within 72 hours of their travel.
- b) The school will write to all boarding pupils and their families explaining arrangements for travel to school and steps to take upon arrival. Boarders coming from 'Red List' countries must book Day 2 and Day 8 tests and will be able to isolate at school, **provided they arrive between September 4 and 6** – arrivals outside of this time must isolate at a government approved hotel and must be accompanied by an appropriate adult. During their isolation they can access work remotely via Microsoft Teams. Boarders coming from 'Amber List' countries (unless they are from an Amber country with additional restrictions) who are under 18 or are fully vaccinated with an approved vaccine administered either in the UK, US or EU must book a Day 2 test and can come directly to school on September 6 without needing to isolate. Students coming to the UK from 'Amber List' countries aged 18 or older and who are not vaccinated must isolate with their guardian before coming to school. They must also book a day 2 and day 8 test. Note: Amber list arrivals can take advantage of the 'Test to Release' programme and this 10 day period can be reduced to 6-7 days, provided a PCR test has been taken on day 5 of isolation returns a negative result. These tests must be booked prior to travelling and details recorded on the Travel Locator Form. Boarders coming from Green List countries do not need to book any tests after arrival in the UK and can come straight to school on September 6.
- c) Boarders are asked to limit what they bring in to school after the holidays. Cleaning will be helped by areas being as uncluttered as possible. All pupils are required to bring a bag to school to carry their school books and equipment around with them and to ensure that materials are shared minimally and that they remain with, and in the care of, their owner. Bags and possessions must be clearly named.
- d) Upon arrival, the pupil will be met and welcomed. Staff will maintain an appropriate distance from the pupil. Staff will wear a face covering and will ask the pupil to take a lateral flow test (self-test) to demonstrate a negative Covid-19 status. The pupil's family will be informed that they have arrived safely at school if they are travelling on their own. If their family is travelling with them, they will also be required to take a lateral flow test and can then accompany their child to help them get settled in.
- e) Students will be given a packet of information welcoming them to the school and the pupil will be escorted to their room and assisted in settling in.
- f) If a positive test is returned, if the student is travelling with family they must leave site and isolate with their family and arrange for a PCR test to be taken. If positive, they must remain in isolation for 10 days. If the student is travelling on their own and a positive test is returned, they will be required to isolate in their boarding room and the school will arrange for a PCR test to be taken. During isolation they will have access to food and drink as well as to the internet to contact their family and access learning online. Any staff delivering items to pupils isolating must place them outside the pupil room, knock on the door and move away to a distance of at least 2 metres. They must wear a mask and gloves when doing this. The pupil will collect items left from their door after waiting 5 seconds after the knock and must close the door once they have

collected the items. If there is waste that needs removing, this must be left outside the door and the reverse of the above process must be followed. Pupils isolating must not have any visitors during this time period.

- g) If a positive test is returned, the school will liaise with Public Health England but the pupil will be required to isolate in their room for 10 days where they will be looked after by members of the school staff and will be able to access learning online through Microsoft Teams. Following this period of self-isolation they will return to school as normal. The school will follow the government's 'response to infection' strategy in managing any positive tests.
- h) Whilst pupils are isolating, only essential visitors are allowed on site to minimise the potential for transmission of Covid-19. These visitors should be pre-booked and must have their details recorded in line with the visitor procedures.
- i) Once school begins, before leaving their boarding residence in the morning, boarders must wash their hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. Residential staff will dispense and morning medication from the handover of the previous evening, so students do not need to attend BHS for medication in the morning unless there is an urgent need. Following morning inspection, students must bring all of their books for the academic day with them as they will be unable to return to the boarding residence until the end of the academic day.
- j) Students with games lessons or sports scheduled on a particular day must come to school in uniform, but must bring their Buckswood Sports kit with them and will change in the changing rooms prior to and after sports lessons.