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Travelling Week & Induction Programme 2020



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you and your families in the best of health.

For those of you who do not know me, I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your son's or daughter's Head of Playroom for September 2020 and to welcome you to Stonyhurst. I have now spent six very happy years as a member of staff at the College, first as Syntax Playroom Master, then as Poetry Playroom Master and now as Head of Playroom. My wife Danielle is also a teacher and works at our prep school, St Mary's Hall. I have two sons at St Mary's Hall, Zachary and Theo.

Unfortunately, the arrival of students in September will be disrupted by essential precautions relating to the Coronavirus and this has necessitated a very different approach to our usual welcome for new and existing pupils and their families. The Travel and Induction Programme included below outlines the arrival times for Grammar and will hopefully give some sense of how we aim to get the College community back and enjoying the all-round education Stonyhurst provides as quickly and as safely as possible. I apologise that this runs contrary to the original dates published.

Arrivals to the College are being staggered by Playroom to minimise unnecessary contact and observe government guidance on social distancing. To further minimise risk, a booking system for the arrival of boarders has been created to ensure that pupils are able to speak with pastoral staff and get settled in the safest possible way and so that we can have some opportunity to meet informally, albeit briefly. Therefore, please complete the Google Form [here](#) to select the time you wish to arrive at Stonyhurst. Each slot is limited to ten families, so please complete the form at your earliest convenience.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly at r.strain@stonyhurst.ac.uk with any queries about any of these arrangements.

I am sorry not to be able to invite you our usual start of year social function at this time, but I look forward to us gathering as a Playroom community as soon as the opportunity arises. For now, I hope that you can enjoy what remains of the summer and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in September.

Yours sincerely,



Reuban Strain

Friday 4th September

Time	Event	Venue
08.30 onwards	Arrival of all Grammar boarding pupils. Pupils must arrive in their pre-booked slot. Houseparents and Deputies will be available to escort pupils to their rooms and HoP will be available to talk in the Grammar Playroom where refreshments will be provided for parents. Parents will not have access to pupils' rooms or the College as a whole.	Dance Studio Door/Grammar Playroom
12.00-12.20	Lunch for pupils	Refectory
16.00-17.00	Non-EU Passport and Visa Check	RTA Office
17.45-18.15	Supper	Refectory
19.00 onwards	Arrangements in boarding areas	Various

Saturday 5th September

Time	Event	Venue
07.15-07.45	Breakfast	Refectory
08.30 onwards	Day pupils arrive via Dance Studio Door	Dance Studio Door
09.00-09.30	Welcome address from the Head of Playroom Mr Reuban Strain	Grammar Playroom
09.30-10.00	Icebreakers with Tutor team and Committee	Grammar Playroom
10.00-10.30	Head of Playroom and Tutors meet tutees in Grammar Playroom, then go to tutor classrooms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timetables and subjects • Tutorial arrangements • Locate classrooms 	Various
10.30-11.00	Break	Grammar Playroom
11.00-11.30	'ICT – Getting Your Electronic Devices Working'	ICT Suites
13.00-13.20	Lunch	Refectory
14.30	Games. Confirmation of what Grammar Games options will be. First Session.	Various
17.45-18.15	Supper	Refectory
19.00	Activities in Boarding Areas	Various

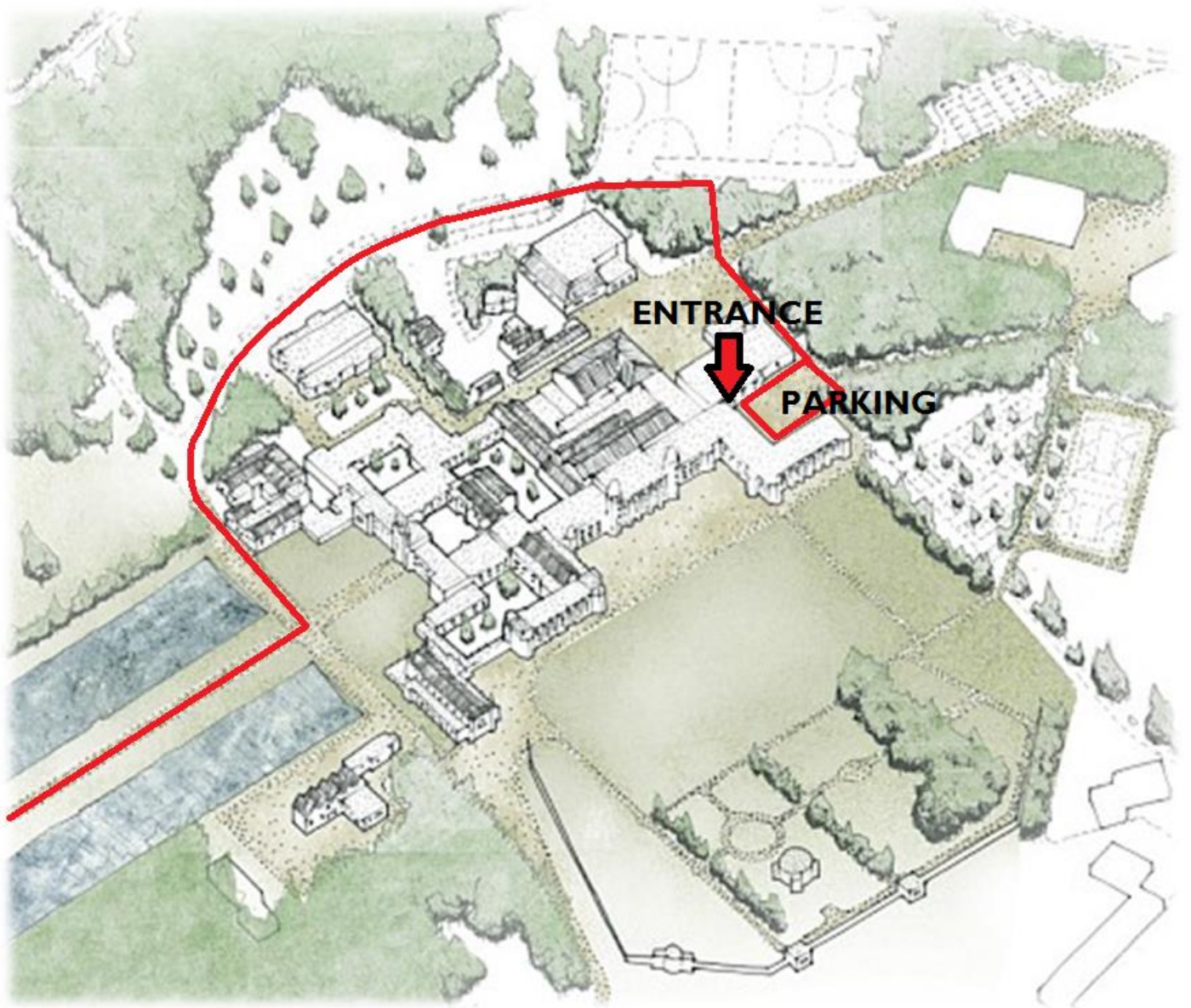
Sunday 6th September

Time	Event	Venue
11.00	Start of term Mass	Playroom Bases
12.00	Brunch	Refectory
14.00 onwards	Arrangements in pastoral areas	
17.45-18.15	Supper	Refectory

Monday 7th September

Time	Event	Venue
08.20	Virtual Ascensio Scholarum	Top Ref
09.00	Timetable as normal	

Map



FAQs

1. What do I do if I have children in two Playrooms?

The priority is for pupils to be able to attend their induction day. Therefore, if necessary, pupils should arrive on the earlier date. If possible, it is advised that pupils stay with their guardian or with friends locally until their official arrival day, but accommodation is available in their own boarding area, if required.

2. What should I do about my booking at the School Shop?

If possible, school shop appointments should be rebooked to coincide with the pupil's arrival day. Since there is now a spread of arrival times, the hope is that pressure on the availability of the School Shop will be relieved rather than otherwise.

3. Will I be able to meet my child's Head of Playroom/Tutor/Pastoral Head?

Heads of Playroom will meet families as they arrive and while pupils are storing their possessions in their room. However, more in-depth meetings should be scheduled via Zoom directly with your Head of Playroom. Pastoral Heads will be running online Zoom forums to talk to parents and individual Zoom calls can also be arranged. All Tutors of new pupils will contact their families via Zoom in the first week of the Christmas Term.

4. What should I do with my child's medication?

This should be passed on to the Head of Playroom who will label it and transfer it to the Health Centre prior to your child's initial GP appointment. Any medication that needs to be taken daily can be administered from the Health Centre from the day of arrival. Medications that must be carried at all times such as epipens and inhalers are of course exempt.

5. Can I see my child's room and help them unpack?

Unfortunately, it is not possible for parents to access the boarding areas at this time. Parents will hopefully have the opportunity of seeing their child's room and boarding area physically in the course of the year.

6. Can I take my child away after they have dropped off their belongings?

Yes, pupils can go out for the day with their families but all pupils must return to the College for 19.00 on their arrival day when their boarding community will gather for the first time and their Pastoral Head will entertain them for the evening. This is an essential aspect of their boarding induction.

7. Will parents be able to stay for lunch?

Very sadly, we cannot host families as we would normally do. We hope that there will be several opportunities in the coming year for you to enjoy Stonyhurst's full hospitality but on

this occasion, though there will be refreshments available in your designated area on arrival, we cannot welcome you for meals in the Refectory.

8. Can I explore the College site and grounds?

Unfortunately this will not be possible on this occasion. The main College building will not be accessible to visitors and the Jesuit Gardens are similarly restricted.

9. Can my child quarantine once they arrive at Stonyhurst?

Yes, provision has been made for pupils arriving in September to quarantine in Theodore House from September 1st, but places must be prearranged via email at stonyhurstquarantine@stonyhurst.ac.uk Above all, pupils who need to quarantine **MUST NOT** arrive unannounced at the College since this will compromise all the safety arrangements that have been put in place.