



STONYHURST COLLEGE

1st December 2020

Dear Colleagues,

On 9th November, we wrote to parents outlining the arrangements for our end of term and projections for our return in January 2021. The ever-present twists and turns of the COVID-19 situation and changes to domestic and international policy and travel legislation remain tempestuous seas to navigate. The complexities of getting staff and pupils home for Christmas and returning everyone safely in the New Year continue to present multifarious scenarios.

College has worked through the implications of the UK government's recent announcement on the 'Test to Release' scheme for those travelling here from somewhere that is not on the travel corridor list. We are able to now confirm our plans for the return in the New Year. Having considered the terms of the new scheme, and noting that the College will once again run a period of isolation for some overseas pupils, we can confirm the following arrangements:

- ✚ A proportion of International pupils will arrive on the 2nd January to Stonyhurst and will isolate until the 10th January in two single-sex boarding houses. Pupils will isolate on their own and will have no close contact during the period of isolation. After a period of 5-days isolation, pupils will take a COVID-19 test. This will be on or about the 8th January and we envisage that result will be with us within a 24-48 hour period.
- ✚ On receipt of a negative test result, pupils who have been part of the isolation camp will return to their usual boarding house on the evening of the 10th January. (If a positive test outcome is received, then the pupil will have to isolate for a further 10 days, relocating to Theodore House for the additional period of quarantine.)
- ✚ All other boarders can return to school on Monday 11th January, and can return to boarding houses during the course of the afternoon. This includes all remaining international pupils travelling into the UK via an approved travel corridor and UK-based domestic boarders. It should be noted that some overseas pupils may have slightly later arrival plans and will return sporadically between 11th and 17th January.
- ✚ INSET for teaching staff will be via *Teams* on Friday 8th January. A separate programme of in-person INSET for pastoral colleagues will also be delivered on Friday, 8th January.
- ✚ Academic lessons start on the morning of the Monday 11th January as planned (please note that these will also need to be streamed / recorded for pupils not yet returned).
- ✚ This is the same day that school resumes for SMH and term dates remain the same.

Please note that half term begins on Saturday 13th February and the end of the Easter Term is on Friday, 26th March 2021. May I wish you well in the run up to your break.

Best wishes,
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