



STONYHURST COLLEGE

24th February 2021

Dear Parents,

We are delighted with the UK Government announcement on Monday that schools may fully re-open from Monday 8th March. Official guidance has now been published (although some details are yet to be confirmed) and this letter is to give you initial information about the arrangements to welcome all Stonyhurst pupils back to the campus. This is following the positive statement from the government about the clear roadmap to a full reopening of all restriction in the UK by the end of the summer term.

The health and well-being of the whole Stonyhurst community is our top priority and we shall continue to take every precaution necessary. Staff will continue to be asked to test twice weekly and we shall continue to closely observe the latest guidance with mask wearing, social distancing and all the other precautions set out in our risk assessments. These will be updated again to reflect any changes prior to the full return to school and the latest version may always be found on the website.

Day pupils

Pupils should arrive to school for a Covid-19 test between Monday 8th March and Wednesday 10th March. Pupils will be admitted to school the following day on receipt of a negative test result. Heads of Playroom will co-ordinate arrival times and we will prioritise examination year groups. Government regulations detail that pupils should have a further two tests in school 3-5 days apart and then twice weekly at home on an ongoing basis. As I'm sure you will appreciate this is a considerable logistical undertaking and thank you for your patience and understanding in advance.

Boarders

UK

Pupils will need a negative Lateral Flow Test result prior to admission to their boarding house. Again, Heads of Playroom will co-ordinate times of arrival and liaise with parents about their travel plans in the week ahead.

Stonyhurst is not able offer any flexi or weekly boarding this term. This will be reviewed prior to the start of the summer term.

Overseas

Overseas boarders may return providing they are able to evidence the appropriate quarantine and testing process for their place of origin.

Where pupils meet the UK entry requirements and have travelled through a 'red list' country in the previous ten days they must have quarantined in a managed quarantine hotel for ten days and received two negative covid tests before onward travel.





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May we please ask you to note that for those coming in from 'red list' countries, or international pupils who are considering returning home for the Easter holiday rather than electing to stay in the UK with guardians, that it is recognised that by the time pupils arrive in school from March 8th onwards, there will be only two weeks of the half-term remaining. We shall, therefore, continue to offer all via *Stonyhurst Anywhere* for those families for whom this is more appropriate.

Pupils travelling to England from other, non-red list, countries will need to have quarantined with family members or guardians and must have arranged for themselves to be tested on days two and eight after arrival. These must both be negative before onward travel to Stonyhurst.

Stonyhurst Anywhere

We appreciate that some pupils will not be able to return to campus before the summer term and we shall continue to maintain our full online provision throughout the rest of this term.

Easter holidays and return to summer term

All boarding pupils will be required to either return home or go to UK based guardians from Thursday 25th March for the Easter break.

The summer term begins on Wednesday 14th April. We shall be able to offer very limited quarantine accommodation to boarders that require this from Monday 5th April in Theodore House. This will be limited to those travelling long haul from non-red list countries. Heads of Playroom will liaise with families on an individual basis regarding any requirements. Accommodation will be provided during the May half term break for all overseas boarders for whom this would be helpful to avoid unnecessary travel.

Further guidance is likely to be issued by the Government over the next few days and Heads of Playroom will keep you informed of any changes to our current plans.

Apologies for the complexity of the arrangements in this letter. You will understand the imperative to keep everyone safe. It will be such a pleasure to welcome the entire school back to enjoy all that Stonyhurst has to offer.

With all best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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