



Boarders Returning on the 7th & 8th of March - Guidance for Parents / Guardians

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Last term we asked our Weekly and Full Boarders to stay in school if at all possible. We were delighted with the way they embraced Boarding life, and their positive approach. For the next three weeks we are insisting that Weekly and Full boarders to do that again, stay in, maintain the integrity of your House COVID safe bubble and reduce the risk of transmission. We are also asking the Day Boarders to register with their tutor each morning and afternoon in their classrooms, again to reduce the risk of Covid passing into the Boarding Houses. The following will be in place on the Sunday / Monday ready for our return to school:

1. Weekly and Full Boarders will return to house from 12:30 on Sunday 7th March once they have completed a lateral flow test for COVID-19 on-site and have received a negative test result.
2. If the lateral flow test is positive the Boarder would have to return home with their parents or guardians and self isolate following government guidance before being allowed to return to the Boarding House.
3. There will be supper served between 18:00 and 19:30 in the dining hall, socially distanced, for our returning Boarders.
4. All Full Boarders and Weekly Boarders have to stay in the House until Easter - there is no weekend leave except for exceptional circumstances such as pre-booked medical appointments.
5. Day Boarders will not be allowed into the Boarding Houses for the first three weeks back at school. They will register at their tutor bases at 08:20 and at 14:10 each day.
6. Day Boarders can wear Bede's Sport kit to school if they have sport on that particular day. Boarders should change as normal in the House.
7. Evening and weekend activities will be different to ensure a COVID safe environment. There will be no House visiting, no shopping trips off campus, and no staff onsite to run usual Saturday morning activities. We will run a weekend programme in House for boarders to keep you fully entertained and provide shopping opportunities using the school and village shops for essentials..
8. Saturday will still be breakfast in House at 10am and activities (largely sport based) will run from 11am - 1pm. A form to sign up to these will be circulated early in the first week.
9. Weekly activities will still be taking place on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Boarders on site will sign up for 3 activities per week - this could be a mixture of traditional plus blended activities, however Boarders will need to attend the classroom for a blended activity - you will not be allowed to stay in the House for these. The only exception to this will be Boarders in the 6th form who will be offered the opportunity to spend one activity in the House per week.
10. Day boarders will not be allowed in the House at all, however they will be able to access the garden areas of their Houses for break / lunch and their tutor's classroom bases.
11. In House lunch will continue as per the school calendar. Day Boarders can attend this and eat outside, or they can go to the dining room at their allocated time with their year group.
12. Borders will be shown how to self test using lateral flow test, so that we can screen for asymptomatic COVID-19 cases and isolate them appropriately moving forward.

Please - for the sake of all of our school community - remain safe and compliant with the National lockdown requirements as we head towards our return to school. For Day Boarders - the risks are even higher as you enter the local community every evening once we have returned - so please do ensure your children remain compliant both during the evenings and the weekends when not at school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Juniper

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