

COVID risk

Are the prefects supervising prep drawn from the bubble? Surely being older they would reside in a different bubble...

The class rooms where year 8 and 9 will be completing prep will be sufficiently large that the prefect can maintain a 2 metres distance at all times from younger boarders whilst supervising prep.

Room 14 is to be used as the year 8 prep room. Is this class room used in the daytime, if so will it be cleaned before the prep starts each evening?

Yes there is scheduled cleaning between end of day and prep and then before school starts the next day

Have proper hand washing sinks been installed at the entrance of the refectory?

The school has considered installing further wash basins but it was deemed more practical and easier to manage to install additional hand sanitizing stations rather than basins

Have proper hand washing sinks been installed at the entrance of the boarding house? My son says all the bathrooms are upstairs.

As above, there are now more hand sanitizer stations in key areas throughout the houses

Academic

What are your plans for the asynchronous learning period that the school is planning to continue?

During AA1 and AA2 Boarders in Year 7 and Year 8 will either join one of the activities run by the school (some of them will be compulsory like games, etc.) and/or go to their "home bases" (tutor rooms) for supervised space to study.

Year 9 will also be expected to take part in activities during AA1 and AA2 and/or to go to the LRC for supervised space to study.

Boarders in Year 7, 8 and 9 won't be back to boarding until the end of the school day at 15:25 There will be lots of scheduled activities for year 10 and up on different days (for example PE sessions). For remaining boys there will be a member of staff, a matron and one of a housemaster/deputy available during the asynchronous period to either facilitate boys joining planned activities (guest lectures etc), run an activity for the boys or monitor any work being completed.

May my son request that his bin in his room doesn't get emptied daily by the cleaner, as my son has told me the cleaner in SH often places the bins on top of the bed mattresses which could potentially pose a health and safety risk

All cleaning staff have been trained on new protocols for cleaning and we will reaffirm with them expectations.

Year 11 parents are a bit concerned on what extra support the boys will get for prep etc bearing in mind they have already missed so much

The basic premise that boarding staff, who are members of the teaching body will be available to provide extra support remains intact. Additionally, The staff on duty will be available during AA sessions to provide extra academic support.

On the 2 days which are scheduled for asynchronous sport, do the boarders wear PE kit in the morning? We note the boarding house is locked between 8.30 and 3.15pm

The boarders should follow the same instructions as their day school colleagues, so yes to PE kit

Boarding general

What is the arrangement for laundry and shower?

Dirty laundry bins will be taken away from clean laundry spaces. The turnaround time for laundry returning will increase slightly to next day rather than same afternoon to allow staff to operate safely.

Showers will operate on a rota for different groups with a wipe down of touch surfaces (handles/controls) taking place between each groups usage.

Will students be allowed to go offsite? As previously students were allowed to go to the gym, High St, etc.?

For the start of term, offsite trips will not be possible. We will continuously review this as the situation around covid-19 develops

Will boys still be able to return to boarding on Monday morning It says that Boarders will be provided with breakfast and dinner. Can you explain how the lunch system will work for Boarders with the changed timetable for the different year groups?

Yes you can still return on a Monday morning, but houses will need to be empty by 8:25 to allow cleaners to complete their work safely.

Lunch will be available for boarders in their designated free period, from either the grab and go or the main meal in the refectory.

What plans are in place to ensure Boarders exercise regularly and get fresh air?

We will be pursuing our normal clubs and activities as much as possible and will look for creative ways to get them active and outside. New outdoor gym equipment has been installed this week which will help facilitate this.

Will daily prayers at 8pm still continue, as all efforts to reduce transmission would potentially be wasted if everyone in the house are in one room for 20 mins every evening

No, we will no longer have evening meetings in the same way. Both houses will follow an alternative routine to disseminate notices and register boys in the evening

Will the boys still have access to cook/ warm up things in the kitchen as normal ?

Yes, provided that hygiene and social distancing rules are followed.

Yes how will students queue for food as normally the queues are very long and tight. Surely they will all get coronavirus!! :(

We are staggering all of our communal mealtimes to reduce any queuing and will be encouraging social distancing when getting food.

Can we pick up our son at 1.30 Friday

Yes. If there are no AA activities scheduled then boarders may leave after the regular school day is complete. This will be particularly advantageous for those travelling on public transport to avoid rush hour, thus reducing their risk whilst travelling.