



COVID-19 UPDATE – AUGUST 2021

FRQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS JOINING BISHOPSTROW IN SEPTEMBER 2021

What are the requirements for travelling to the UK?

The government has recently updated its guidance for boarding school students travelling to the UK from Amber List countries.

Boarding school students who are ordinarily resident in the UK, including those who are unaccompanied and who are attending boarding schools on a Child Student visa or Student visa, who have travelled from or through Amber List countries (and who have not been in a Red List country or France in the previous 10 clear days) are exempt from the requirements to quarantine and take a Day 8 test.

In addition, boarding school students aged 11 to 17 need proof of a negative COVID-19 test to travel to England. Children under 10 years of age are exempt from this requirement.

Boarding school students aged 5 to 17 must take a COVID-19 travel test on or before Day 2 (with the date of arrival in the UK being classified as Day 0).

The Day 2 COVID-19 tests must be booked before travelling to the UK. Details of the tests must be included on the Passenger Locator Form.

All students attending Bishopstrow are required to book the Day 2 test.

Is Bishopstrow College open for face-to-face teaching?

Yes! The College has been offering face-to-face teaching since earlier this year and this will continue for the 2021/22 academic year.

What if my son/daughter cannot arrive in the UK for the start of term?

Whilst we continue to review the situation with the global pandemic and the need to offer online provision, given the ongoing relaxation of restrictions relating to COVID-19, we will not be offering online classes in Term 1.

When should international students arrive at Bishopstrow College?

International students should plan on arriving at Bishopstrow College from 3.00pm on Arrivals Day, Monday 20 September.

Will there be a quarantine period for international students?

In line with the recently updated government guidance, international students arriving from Amber List countries

will no longer be required to undergo a period of quarantine.

International students who have travelled from or through a Red List country in the previous 10 days (prior to their arrival in the UK) will however need to complete a period of quarantine. They will be accommodated in a dedicated boarding house at Bishopstrow with other students who have arrived from Red List countries and will be required to take a COVID-19 PCR test on Day 2 and Day 8. The Test to Release scheme (Day 5 PCR test) is not available for arrivals from Red List countries.

During the 10 day quarantine period, students from Red List countries will have access to online classes delivered by a member of Bishopstrow's teaching staff.

Who do I speak to about travelling to the College?

Please contact Amanda Neill, Registrar at enquiries@bishopstrow.com

Will there be testing for COVID-19?

All students will be required to complete a Lateral Flow Test upon their arrival at the College. In accordance with prevailing government regulations, all students arriving from Amber List countries will be required to complete a PCR test on or before Day 2 (the date of arrival in the UK being categorised as Day 0).

Do students need to wear a face covering in College?

In line with current UK government guidance, face coverings are no longer required to be worn in classrooms or communal areas. However, students can of course choose to wear a face covering should they wish.

What COVID-19 safety measures are in place at the College?

We are continuing to ensure that a number of safety measures are in place. For example, hand sanitiser stations are available around the College. We also continue to review our programme of weekend trips and excursions, opting for outdoor activities where possible.

Will online learning continue?

Bishopstrow Online will not be available during Term 1, with all students expected to attend face-to-face classes on campus.

How is the UK managing COVID-19?

The UK has a world-leading vaccination programme. As at the end of July, more than 46 million people have had a first vaccine dose – nearly 90% of the adult population



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– and more than 37 million – over 70% of adults – have had both doses.

Can international students receive a COVID-19 vaccine?

The UK government has recently announced that the COVID-19 vaccine will be offered to children aged 16 and 17. We understand that international students aged 16-17 years, who are registered with a GP will be eligible to receive a vaccine against COVID-19, in the same way and meeting the same criteria as UK residents.