



Quarantine in the UK

Information as of 23 February 2021:

- [Red List](#) arrivals who are not British or Irish nationals are not permitted to enter the UK.
- All arrivals to UK must quarantine for 10 days:
 - Red List arrivals who meet UK entry requirements must quarantine in a government approved hotel and purchase the quarantine package (£1750). They may not use the “Test to Release” scheme. At the moment, until we receive further information about permitted Red List arrivals, pupils in this situation will have to be accompanied by their parent or guardian as they will not be permitted to stay in the hotel unaccompanied.
 - Non-Red List arrivals are not required to quarantine in the government approved hotels and are able to use the “Test to Release” scheme, which allows them to be released from quarantine on day 5.
- All arrivals to the UK must purchase two postal tests at a total cost of £210: When you complete your passenger locator form in the 48 hours before your flight into UK, you will be asked to purchase a test package that will be sent to your quarantine address in the UK. These tests are self-swabbed PCR postal tests, which must be administered on day 2 and day 8 of quarantine. This is irrespective of the test to release. In practice then, this will mean pupils will need to administer the first postal PCR test on day 2, they can then be released on day 5 from quarantine by a test to release, but will need to complete the further postal PCR test on day 8. The government tests on days 2 and 8 are for their variant surveillance programme.

Quarantine at Winchester College

The Department for Education have yet to issue guidance on quarantine of pupils in boarding schools. There are therefore minutiae yet to be worked out on exactly what form this quarantine will take and how it will dovetail with testing. Nevertheless, we would like to provide a quarantine facility at Winchester College from the beginning of Cloister Time, including airport transfers. Without stating details that have yet to be released in government guidance, we would like to propose a quarantine facility that combines airport transfers, accommodation and test to release:

- Arrival on 12 April: Airport transfers would bring pupils to Winchester, where on arrival they will be tested on the SAMBA system before joining their quarantine accommodation. All frontline boarding staff dealing with quarantine will also be tested.
- Tests to release on 17 April: On receipt of a negative test to release result, pupils will be released from quarantine. They would then be expected to remain on campus for activities provided by the school. The asymptomatic screening of UK-based pupils will start on 19 April and the school will be back to full capacity by the end of that week.
- Pupils will be given reminders and assistance for the two government tests on days 2 and 8. These will be collected and sent centrally.



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A number of parents and guardians have already asked about making their own quarantine arrangements in April, which is of course acceptable. However, it is important to note that the swab for the test to release cannot then be taken at Winchester College by our trained nurses because your son would not be able to leave their quarantine accommodation until they have had a negative test to release result. We are therefore also looking into how we might assist in arranging tests to release for parents and guardians who wish to make their own quarantine arrangements.