

September 2021 arrivals – travel information

The new academic year for new international pupils starts on Monday 6th September with the International Induction Day (and lessons start on 7th September). Hopefully by September we can expect that no quarantine or Covid-19 testing will be required on arrival in the UK.

HOWEVER, if there is still a requirement for **quarantine** then we will insist that **ALL** international pupils arrive in the UK **between 23rd and 26th August**. This will allow time for the pupils to quarantine and be ready for the start of the new term. At Rendcomb College all pupils will be quarantined in the dedicated boarding house – Park House – and the daily rate will be £70. It may be possible to quarantine with a host family instead, but the UK Government regulations and requirements that are in place at that point in time **MUST** be adhered to.

Therefore, when booking flights and making travel arrangements it is the parents' responsibility to ensure that they are up to date with and adhere to current regulations for travelling from their country of residence according to the UK government traffic light system <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/red-amber-and-green-list-rules-for-entering-england> and the DFE guidance for boarders travelling to the UK from or through Red List countries https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/966982/Boarding_school_students_from_red_list_countries_quarantine_arrangements_2.pdf

We will not be offering quarantine from 6th September. If you would like your child to arrive in the UK on that day you will have to arrange for quarantine off site should this be a requirement.

IF there is still the requirement to book the **Covid-19 arrival tests** we would like you to book them through Screen4 in Cirencester, and we would like the test to be completed off site at their clinic in Cirencester as we cannot guarantee that we would be able to conduct the day 2 and day 8 tests ourselves.

Please note that some of the tests that were booked for our current pupils during 2020-21 did not turn up at College, which meant that parents paid for tests that did not arrive. If you use Screen4 it will ensure that the process will be completed properly. Please book through this link: <https://screen4.org/product/day-2-and-8-covid19-tests-for-international-arrivals-clinician/>

If you decide to pay extra for the day 5 tests under 'Test to Release' please note that the pupils will continue to remain in Park House even if their test results are negative – the other boarding houses will not open until 6th September. We would therefore recommend to only book the day 2 and day 8 tests.

Finally, an advance notice that we will not be opening the boarding houses for Half Term in October or at Christmas 2021. You will need to make alternative arrangements for these breaks in the school calendar.

Please contact international@rendcombcollege.org.uk if you have any queries about the above information. During the summer holidays the office will remain open Monday-Friday 9.00-16.00.