



### **Introduction**

We have all been closely monitoring the developments over the summer regarding travel to the United Kingdom, and establishing the implications of this for your sons and daughters.

The last week has brought further changes in government policy, particularly with regards to exemptions for pupils coming to boarding schools in this country, and subsequent advice from the Boarding Schools Association.

We hope that this Update will be helpful for parents as they prepare their children for the return to School.

### **Travel from countries on the Green, Amber and Red Lists**

The full guidance from the UK government for travel from countries on the Green, Amber and Red Lists is found [here](#), but parents should note that pupils travelling to boarding schools in the United Kingdom are subject to a number of important exemptions.

This brief synopsis, therefore, is based on the very latest guidance from the Boarding Schools Association and other bodies which have lobbied the government on behalf of pupils at UK boarding schools.

### **If your child is travelling from a country on the **GREEN** or **AMBER** lists, they must:**

- [Take a COVID-19 test](#) in the 3 days before they travel to England
- [Book and pay for a Day Two COVID-19 test](#) – to be taken two days after their arrival in England.
  - On the booking form you should enter your child's name and the school's address for delivery of the Day Two test, and instruct your child to bring the test to Nurse Hannah as soon as it arrives at school. The full School postal address is shown at the end of this Update.
  - Nurse Hannah will then make arrangements for the administration of the test.
- Complete a [passenger locator form](#) – being sure to tick the box to state that that they are ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom.

- If the Day 2 test returns a positive result, your child will be moved into isolation accommodation.
- If your child is contacted by the NHS Test & Trace Service informing them that they have travelled to England with someone who has tested positive for COVID, they must inform their Housemaster/Housemistress immediately, and will then be moved into isolation accommodation.
- Please note, however, that pupils who have reached the age of eighteen by the date of departure **are** required to quarantine unless they are able to provide proof of full vaccination. There are certain conditions relating to the country in which they were vaccinated, and parents of pupils over the age of eighteen should check carefully regarding this.

**If your child has been in a country on the **RED** list within ten days of their arrival in England, they must:**

- [Take a COVID-19 test](#) in the three days before they travel to England
- [Book and pay for a Day Two and a Day Eight COVID test](#) – to be taken two days and eight days after their arrival in England.
  - On the booking form you should enter your child’s name and the school’s address for delivery of the tests.
  - The tests will be intercepted at Reception, and Nurse Hannah will then make arrangements for the administration of the tests while your child is in quarantine.
  - Boarding school pupils arriving from Red list countries are to book their tests as if they were Amber list passengers, ordering tests via CTM and using the “other exemption from quarantine hotel (Amber)” option.
- Complete a [passenger locator form](#) – being sure to tick the box to state that they are ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom.
- Quarantine for ten days on their arrival in England.
- We understand that pupils travelling back to school on their own from countries on the Red list have experienced difficulties with the Passenger Locator Form. The Boarding Schools Association has raised this with government, and the advice is that such pupils should select the “Adult” only package.

There are no special exemptions for pupils coming to UK boarding schools from a country on the Red list, so the full government guidance applies. The full guidance may be found [here](#).

**Transport from the airport**

Parents whose children require travel from the airport to Mount Kelly must complete the [online travel form](#) for the start of the Michaelmas Term 2021.

Parents whose children are returning from countries on the Red list, however, should email Mrs Bersey directly, and she will make special arrangements for their collection – [BerseyG@mountkelly.com](mailto:BerseyG@mountkelly.com)

If your child is quarantining elsewhere in the country, and intends at the conclusion of their period in quarantine to travel to Plymouth or Exeter by train, please use the [online taxi, coach & train travel request form](#) for the start of Michaelmas Term 2021.

All travel requests must be submitted by close of play on Wednesday 25 August. We can give no guarantee that travel requests submitted after the deadline will be met.

### **Quarantine provision**

The [previous Overseas Parent Update \(5 Jul 21\)](#) set out the School's position with regards to the provision of quarantine, gave details of the Quarantine Camp that is being held at Moorland Hall, and included a link to an [online proforma](#), which the parents of pupils who require quarantine are asked to complete in order to let us know their intentions in this regard.

### **Conclusion**

Parents who intend to travel with their children should note that the exemptions that have been agreed for those under the age of eighteen clearly do not apply to them, and the full requirements of entry will therefore apply to any family members over the age of eighteen.

As always, should any of our overseas parents have any questions or concerns, they should address them to Mr Reid, the Principal Deputy Head ([ReidA@mountkelly.com](mailto:ReidA@mountkelly.com)) or Mr Dom Floyd, the Head of Prep ([FloydD@mountkelly.com](mailto:FloydD@mountkelly.com)), though we would ask that the parents of pupils new to Mount Kelly copy their emails to [Admissions@mountkelly.com](mailto:Admissions@mountkelly.com), so everyone at this end is in the loop.

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