



As the end of term draws near, we are focused on the return to school in January. As you will have read in the last Parent Update (Fri 3 Dec), we do not have the capacity to offer quarantine accommodation for pupils returning from overseas in the New Year, but we do understand the difficulties faced by our overseas parents, and want to help.

Many of you will be aware that we have used Moorland Hall for quarantine accommodation on a number of occasions. Moorland Hall is an outdoor pursuits centre located in the village of Mary Tavy, four miles from Mount Kelly. It is situated in extensive grounds, and staffed by an experienced team, and the pupils who have stayed there over the last eighteen months have certainly had a very positive experience.

Though initially fully booked by another group, I am pleased to be able to confirm that Moorland Hall is now available, and that they are able to accommodate Mount Kelly pupils returning to the United Kingdom from any country, apart from those on the Red List, whilst they await the return of their PCR test.

Pupils may be required to share rooms, though they will be accommodated – as far as possible – within separate households. When booking PCR tests on arrival, you should enter the school's address; the tests will be delivered to school, then taken to Moorland Hall and administered and managed by Mount Kelly staff.

Pupils who return a negative result will be moved into their boarding houses at Mount Kelly. In the event that a pupil returns a positive PCR test result, however, they would be moved into isolation accommodation in school.

The cost for staying at Moorland Hall will be £100 per night, and Moorland Hall will invoice parents directly.

In order to help us manage the return to school, and to support our overseas parents effectively, we would be most grateful if all our overseas parents could complete this [online proforma](#), ideally by close of play on Sunday 12 December.

Should you wish to book your child into Moorland Hall, you should notify Moorland Hall by 18:00 on Monday 27 December, in line with the quarantine requirements for your country on this date, though Moorland Hall understands that there may need to be some flexibility in this.

Mount Kelly will continue to manage travel from the airport to Moorland Hall, so if you have not already made arrangement for your child to travel from the airport, please continue to liaise closely with the School's Transport Manager, Mrs Gaynor Bersey: BerseyG@mountkelly.com

We hope very much that this is the final Overseas Parent Update for 2021, and so this comes with very best wishes to all our overseas families for a very happy Christmas – and a very much better 2022!

