



You will be aware of the recent changes to the regulations concerning travel to the United Kingdom, the full details of which are found [here](#).

If your child remained in the UK for the Christmas break, these changes – and therefore this Update – do not concern you. If your child is returning to the UK from abroad, however, we would ask that you read this Update very carefully.

Please excuse the slightly cursory tone of this Update, but for ease of reference, the Update is structured in such a way as to consider all possible scenarios, though it might be helpful first to be absolutely clear on which time window your child's arrival in the UK falls:

Arrival Time	Window
Before 04:00 on Friday 7 January	1
Between 04:00 on Friday 7 and 04:00 on Sunday 9 January	2
After 04:00 on Sunday 9 January	3

Window 1

If your child is...

- under 18 years of age, or
- is fully vaccinated,
- and is scheduled to arrive in the UK **before 04:00 on Friday 7 January**

- The situation remains unchanged.
- They must take the PCR test that you should already have booked, and must quarantine pending the result of the test.
- They may quarantine at Moorland Hall, or under your own arrangements – though unaccompanied pupils should not quarantine in hotels, bed and breakfasts or such like.

Window 2

If your child is...

- under 18 years of age, or
- is fully vaccinated,
- and is scheduled to arrive in the UK between 04:00 on Friday 7 January and 04:00 on Sunday 9 January

- They are **not** required to take a COVID test **before** travelling.
- They are **not** required to quarantine on arrival in the UK.
- They are, however, still obliged to take a PCR test on or shortly after their arrival in the UK.
- They are not, however, to report to school until **14:00 on Sun 9 Jan**, so if they arrive in the UK much before this time, they should make their own arrangements for the PCR test, taking it either at Moorland Hall or in accommodation that you have arranged.
- On arrival at school on Sunday, they will also be LFD tested along with all the other boarders.
- It is up to you to decide where your child will stay between their arrival in the UK and 14:00 on Sun 9 Jan (the earliest time at which they may report to school).
- If your child is booked into Moorland Hall, we would recommend keeping this booking, though whatever you decide, you should contact Mrs Kim Farrington (info@moorlandhall.co.uk) at your earliest convenience.
- If your child is arriving in the UK between 04:00 on Friday and 14:00 on Sunday, we would ask that you keep your child's Housemaster/Housemistress abreast of your plans.

Window 3

If your child is...

- **under 18 years of age, or**
 - **is fully vaccinated,**
 - **and is scheduled to arrive in the UK after 04:00 on Sunday 9 January**
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- If you have already booked and paid for a PCR test for your child, you may choose for them either to take the PCR test, **or** you may choose for them to take a LFD test instead.
 - If you choose for them to take the PCR test, they will be required to quarantine pending the result of the test – either at Moorland Hall or under your own arrangements. As above, however, unaccompanied pupils should not quarantine in hotels, bed and breakfasts or such like.
 - If you choose for them to take the LFD test instead of the PCR, please note the following points:
 - The LFD testing programme run by the School on Sunday afternoon does not qualify for this purpose.
 - The test must be booked and paid for, through the government website, before they travel to England.
 - You should arrange for the test to be delivered to the School.
 - You can book the LFD test from 04:00 on Fri 7 Jan.
 - The LFD test will be administered by Mrs Val Petch during the arrival and testing window on Sunday afternoon (14:00 – 18:00).

As above, pupils who arrive in the UK before 04:00 on Sunday may not use a lateral flow test instead of a PCR test. Pupils arriving before this time must take a PCR test after arrival, and must quarantine pending the result – either at Moorland Hall or under your own arrangements.

Clearly, this is a very complicated situation, and not the least complicated element is travel from the airport to Devon. The School's Transport Manager, Mrs Gaynor Bersey, will continue to work tirelessly with our overseas parents, and we would ask that you keep in very close contact with her by email: BerseyG@mountkelly.com