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KING'S  
HOSPITAL  
SCHOOL

## Form 6 Boarding update 19-2-21

Dear Student, Parent & Guardian

The government has indicated, but not yet confirmed, that Form 6 students will be permitted to return to school on **March 1<sup>st</sup>**. As a boarding community, we have to put arrangements in place for the safe return of our residential students, especially for those who are not currently resident in Ireland.

A separate email has gone out to all Form 6 detailing the arrangements for an Accredited Grades process in addition to the Leaving Certificate examinations in June.

### **Return of Students into Ireland**

Due to the strict quarantine laws now in place during these Level 5 restrictions, all Form 6 students should return to Ireland by **Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**, at the latest, in order to begin in-school learning on March 1<sup>st</sup> with the other students.

### **Pre-flight PCR, Airport Transfer & Quarantine**

- Students must present at their departing airport with a negative PCR test\*.
- Students will be collected at Dublin Airport by a KH staff member, once flight details have been entered into BoardingWare.
- Students will enter a 5-day quarantine on the KH Campus.
- Students will be taken for a PCR test on day 5 of their quarantine.
- If PCR negative student may join a residential bubble with other Covid-negative students.

\*The requirements for PCR testing depends on point of departure and may have to be taken within 48hrs / 72 hrs. If traveling through a connecting city such as Amsterdam a rapid test 4 hrs before departure may be required. Please check the requirements related to your specific travel itinerary.

If a student is unable to arrange travel to Ireland by Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, they will have to stay at alternative accommodation, arranged by their Guardian, until they can return to school with a negative PCR test.

The KH Campus will remain open for the Easter holidays to accommodate International Students.

### **Irish-Resident Boarders**

Discussions are ongoing with our school GPs, medical team and facilities management on how best to facilitate the return of our 5 & 7-day Irish-resident boarders, if we are to return to in-school learning on March 1<sup>st</sup>. The number of infections remains high in the community compared to when we were in Level 5 restrictions prior to the Christmas holidays and we must work in partnership to ensure the safety of our students and staff, on our return. I will be in contact with an update next week, when hopefully the government confirms the return to school date.

Any questions regarding international travel should be emailed directly to [overseastravel@thekingshospital.ie](mailto:overseastravel@thekingshospital.ie). Any other boarding-related queries can be emailed directly to me [c.uabruadair@thekingshospital.ie](mailto:c.uabruadair@thekingshospital.ie). All flight details must be input into BoardingWare.

Yours,  
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