

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Dear Families,

**RE: Holidays abroad and quarantine expectations**

I hope you are enjoying the summer break and the variable British weather!

We are aware some families may have taken the opportunity to travel abroad during the summer holidays and we hope that very few of you will have been impacted by the need to quarantine on return, as per the ever-changing government advice on international travel. You can find the government guidance on foreign travel by clicking [here](#).

As we prepare for learners to return to school in September, it is important that if any families have been, or are currently, abroad and are required to quarantine for 14 days on their return to the United Kingdom that families stringently follow this advice. **Learners should not return to school in September if they are in quarantine following international travel.** They should only return to school once the 14 day quarantine period is over.

I would be grateful that if your child is required to quarantine at the start of the academic year that you contact me via email or at school to notify me. We will endeavour to provide work for your child to complete whilst they are quarantining at home. The government is yet to provide guidance on how schools should mark their registers in relation to coronavirus and quarantining, but until this is clarified learners who are quarantining will be marked as a C – other authorised circumstances.

Overleaf is a list of countries where quarantine **is not** required on return to the United Kingdom. If your family has travelled to a country not on this list, you will be required to quarantine. Please note that this list changes regularly and is only right as of 26<sup>th</sup> August. There is currently much speculation that Greece and Turkey are likely to be added, before September, to the list of countries where quarantine is required.

Notably, if your family has travelled to Croatia, Spain, France, Malta, the Netherlands, or Belgium (amongst other countries), then you are required to quarantine for 14 days on your return to the UK.

As a school we cannot support families taking leaves of absence for family holidays during term time unless in exceptional circumstances (at the discretion of the Head Teacher). Given that learners have not been in school since March, it is more important than ever that learners do not take holidays in term time. Furthermore, when taking the decision to take a holiday, families should be aware of the potential need to quarantine on return and how this guidance changes very regularly and at short notice. Any time unnecessarily missed from school is damaging to a child's education.

The Foreign Office currently advises against all but essential travel and we would urge families to follow this advice.

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If you would like to discuss any of the issues raised in this letter then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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**Countries where no quarantine is required** (correct as of 26<sup>th</sup> August 2020):

Akrotiri and Dhekelia	Dominica	Italy	Seychelles
Anguilla	Estonia	Jamaica	Slovakia
Antigua and Barbuda	Falkland Islands	Japan	Slovenia
Australia	Faroe Islands	Latvia	South Korea
Barbados	Fiji	Liechtenstein	South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands
Bermuda	Finland	Lithuania	St Barthélemy
Bonaire, St Eustatius and Saba	French Polynesia	Macao (Macau)	St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha
British Antarctic Territory	Gibraltar	Malaysia	St Kitts and Nevis
British Indian Ocean Territory	Germany	Mauritius	St Lucia
British Virgin Islands	Greece	Montserrat	St Pierre and Miquelon
Brunei	Greenland	New Caledonia	St Vincent and the Grenadines
Cayman Islands	Grenada	New Zealand	Switzerland
The Channel Islands	Guadeloupe	Norway	Taiwan
	Hong Kong	Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands	Turkey
Curaçao	Hungary	Poland	Vatican City State
Cyprus	Iceland	Portugal	Vietnam
Czech Republic	Ireland	Reunion	
Denmark	The Isle of Man	San Marino	