



**DEAN CLOSE**  
SCHOOL  
CHELTENHAM

## January 2021 Quarantine Arrangements

From the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020, the UK Government is introducing the Test to Release for International Travel Scheme for people who need to self-isolate on arrival in England. Full guidance can be found here [Test to Release for International Travel scheme](#) but the main points are:

- By opting into the Test and Release scheme on the [passenger locator form](#) which must be completed before arriving in the UK, pupils can cut the isolation period to **5 days** from **14 days**
- The necessary COVID test must be booked from a list of private providers which will soon be released by the UK Government. The passenger is responsible for paying for the test; Dean Close **cannot** book the test
- The earliest the test can be taken is **5 full days** after the passenger left the place of origin. It may take 48 hours for the test result to be received
- If the test is negative, the self-isolation period ends; if it is positive the person must isolate for a full 14 days

At Dean Close we are endeavouring to make it as easy as possible for pupils to return to full time school in January. We are now able to offer the following options:

### **1. Pupils arriving at Dean Close at any time between Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January**

- a. They will be accommodated in a single room in school for 5 full days and arrangements will be made for the pre-booked test to be administered and posted at the correct time
- b. Dean Close will also conduct simple antigen tests to assess the likelihood of someone having COVID
- c. Food will be provided but exercise and any social contact will be very limited to prevent the chance of cross infection
- d. If the test result is negative the pupil will return to their normal boarding house on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January. If the result is positive the pupil will be moved to a quarantine area for the remainder of the 14 days
- e. The charge, assuming a 5 day isolation, will be £300.

### **2. Pupils arriving at Dean Close between Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January**

- a. Pupils will be accommodated offsite at a local hotel where all meals will be provided. A member of Dean Close staff will also be resident. Pupils arriving at this time cannot be resident in school because we do not have enough single rooms for isolation

- b. Food, COVID test and exercise arrangements will be as above
- c. COVID test result arrangements will be as above
- d. Antigen tests will also be carried out
- e. In choosing this option, pupils will be expected to participate fully in lessons or trial exams according to year group online
- f. The charge for hotel accommodation will be £80 per night (£400) plus any additional nights while awaiting test results.

### **3. Pupils arriving on or after 12<sup>th</sup> January**

- a. Will need to make their own arrangements
- b. Will only be the responsibility of the School once the isolation period ends and a negative test result has been provided
- c. It is unlikely that online lessons will be able to be provided for this option

If UK regulations change, Dean Close will amend the options above and try to provide alternative arrangements.

In order that we are able to organise enough accommodation and staff I would be grateful if you could provide me with the following information by **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December**:

- The quarantine option you require
- Full incoming flight details
- Airport to school transfer details (unless this is being organised by the School)
- Current contact details for pupil and parents/guardians in case of emergency
- Details of the COVID test that has been booked
- Additional health or dietary information if necessary

Requests for assistance with isolation after 4<sup>th</sup> December may not be able to be fulfilled. Please send all emails relating to self-isolation arrangements on arrival in the UK to [rerichards@deanclose.org.uk](mailto:rerichards@deanclose.org.uk)

Please be aware that the School will be closed from Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2020 until Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2021. Only emergency contact will be possible at this time for those not on the Christmas course.

Thank you and we look forward to welcoming your children back to Dean Close in January,

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