

Parent/Guardian Information

Guidance for Boarding

March 2021



DEAN CLOSE
PREPARATORY SCHOOL
CHELTENHAM

This information is intended for parents and guardians of boarding pupils with further details of the logistics put in place for boarders returning to school on Sunday March 7th.

Boarders should arrive at school, going directly to their house, at their allocated time slot (between 5:30pm and 7:30pm) on Sunday 7th March. Houseparents will be in touch to advise you what time that will be. Please bring your child to the door, where they will be greeted by a member of their house staff and will have a swab test with a Lateral Flow Device. This will be done in house, by a trained member of the house team. There will be a 30 minute wait for the result to be confirmed.

Once a negative result is confirmed please bring your child back to the door and we will help them unpack and settle in.

If the result is positive we will need you to take your child back home to isolate for ten days, in accordance with government guidelines.

Weekends

In accordance with our new risk assessments and contact policies, we would prefer our boarders not to go home at weekends. There may be some flexibility with this, so please do contact your child's houseparent if you wish to discuss it.

Face masks

Face masks are now mandatory for all pupils in Years 7 and 8. Whilst it is not compulsory for pupils in Years 6 and below, it may be sensible for all children to return with a set of facemasks. If at all possible, please send your child back to school with at least five face masks, and a small sealable bag.

Uniform

Pupils will need to bring full uniform and games kit back to school. Please click [here](#) to access a document detailing on a daily basis for each year group the correct uniform.

Contact

Should you have any further queries regarding the above, please do get in touch with your child's Houseparent or with Mrs Alice Gould, DCPS Head of Boarding (AGould@deanclose.org.uk)