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Dean Close Foundation Quarantine Programme August 2021

Amber List Quarantine: Thursday 26th August – Sunday 5th September 2021

Red List Quarantine: Tuesday 24th August – Friday 3rd September 2021

Dear Pupil, Parent/Guardian,

The Dean Close Foundation is keen to support you with your plans for your child's return to school this autumn and will again be running a specific quarantine and settling in programme in August 2021. This is designed to help your child complete their required quarantine period as per current UK government regulations, settle in quickly and to make a confident start to the new academic year.

Due to ongoing COVID-19 travel regulations and in order to help pupils travel to school safely, we will be offering pupils travelling from or through both **Red-listed** countries and **Amber-listed** countries an opportunity to complete their quarantine in separate and appropriately equipped boarding houses on the school site. Please note the strict arrival dates for each programme to meet government requirements:

Amber-list Quarantine:

Arrivals no later than Thursday 26th August.

In addition to the mandatory Day 2 & Day 8 Tests to Travel, all students must take Test to Release on Day 5 to attend our programme. After a negative result of the Day 5 Test, pupils will be allowed to leave their 10 day quarantine early, to take part in organised activities and the Induction Programme for new pupils on Saturday 4th September.

We can take earlier arrivals from Tuesday 24th August but Day 1 of quarantine will be Friday 27th for all attendees.

The 10 day period could be extended by late arrivals or positive tests within the household.



Amber Quarantine: Test to Release package

In order for the pupils arriving from **Amber-listed** countries to be released from their quarantine programme and move across to their school boarding houses on Saturday 4th September, parents will be invited to book the *Day 2, Day 8 and early Test to Release* as one package and we are delighted to have a link with our local provider, Cheltenham Travel Clinic, which is able to offer a reduced rate on their normal fee. This will offer our pupils an easy and safe way to complete their testing at school. The test bundle (Day 2, Day 8 & test to release) is £269. It can be booked here: <https://raylanetravelclinics.co.uk/covid-tests/amber-list-travel-bundle-special/>

Red-list Quarantine:

10 Day quarantine. Arrivals must be on Tuesday 24th August 2021 only.

Students arrive on day zero (Tuesday 24th August) and testing must take place on day 2 and 8. Tests must be booked through the Cheltenham Travel Clinic: <https://www.cheltenham-travelclinic.co.uk/day-2-and-8-tests/>

This 10 day period could be extended by late arrivals or positive tests within the household.

After negative results at the Day 8 test, pupils will be allowed to leave at Day 11 of quarantine to take part in the Induction Programme for new pupils on Saturday 4th September.

Full details of both programmes with specific joining instructions for both Amber and Red lists will be sent to families who have registered their interest in due course.

When booking flights and making travel arrangements to the UK it is parents responsibility to ensure that they are up to date with and adhere to current regulations for travelling from their country of residence according to the UK government traffic light system <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/red-amber-and-green-list-rules-for-entering-england> and the DFE guidance for boarders travelling to the UK from or through Red List countries. (accessed in the link below and attached)

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/966982/Boarding_school_students_from_red_list_countries_quarantine_arrangements_2.pdf

Parents need to be aware that these regulations are subject to change over the summer months and it may be a good idea to sign up for notifications of UK government changes relating to Covid on this page:

[https://www.gov.uk/email/subscriptions/new?topic_id=entering-england-during-coronavirus.](https://www.gov.uk/email/subscriptions/new?topic_id=entering-england-during-coronavirus)



Transport from Port to Boarding house

Parents and Pupils should also be aware that transport from the port of arrival to school is via pre-arranged transport only.

When arriving from a red list country pupils will be met by representatives of the school and will be transported **directly to the boarding facility to isolate without stopping** enroute.

Please note that Amber List families may prefer to arrange to complete their quarantine privately with family or friends in the UK, in which case guardians and parents will need to provide the school with the travel details, including the completed passenger locator form, in the normal way and send through proof of the appropriate negative *Day 2, Day 8 or early Test to Release* COVID-19 test before the pupil arrives for the start of the school year. Details of how to submit this information to follow.

Please Click [here](#) to register your interest for the Amber or Red List Dean Close Quarantine programmes or to inform us of your plans if not intending to quarantine at Dean Close.

Please complete this by Friday 2nd July.

We hope that all your preparations for returning to School go well and we look forward to seeing you and your son or daughter in August. If there are any aspects of your travel plans to school or arrival dates that are of concern to you, please do not hesitate to contact us at quarantine@deanclose.org.uk.

Yours faithfully,

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