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## **SEDBERGH SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents

I am sure that you will be as relieved as we are that Schools have been prioritised so that all pupils of all ages will return to education on 8 March and that extra-curricular activities and sports will be able to resume alongside classroom lessons. This includes all pupils at Casterton Sedbergh Prep School, Sedbergh School, Boarders, Day pupils and International pupils.

The Government requirements have just been published and, knowing you will wish to have clarity at the earliest possible opportunity, we are writing to set out the process for welcoming pupils back to Sedbergh. The following arrangements will be in place for pupils to return to Sedbergh:

### International Pupils

The UK Government require that pupils who have travelled from or through a 'Red List' country in the previous 10 days must quarantine in a managed quarantine hotel for 10 days and must be accompanied by a parent/guardian if they are under the age of 16. The costs of isolating in a hotel will be borne by the parent and are currently set at £1,750. The full list of countries is attached to this letter and will only affect a small number of pupils.

Pupils travelling to England from counties not on the Red List must quarantine at Sedbergh and will be tested on days 2 and 5 after arrival. Before travelling, they must:

- take a Coronavirus (Covid-19) test and get a negative result during the 3 days before you travel;
- book and pay for a travel test package, which will include Coronavirus (Covid-19) tests;
- complete a passenger locator form before arrival, with details of quarantine arrangements at Sedbergh School and the travel test package booking reference number.

In order for pupils to return to classroom lessons on 8 March we will provide quarantine facilities from Friday 26 February at no additional cost. Pupils will be supervised by Sedbergh staff and taught online if their quarantine schedule means they are unable to attend classroom lessons from the first day of re-opening. Please inform your Housemaster/Housemistress when your son and daughter will arrive so that we can arrange collection and accommodation.

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### Boarding Pupils

Pupils should plan to arrive at School or complete quarantine on Sunday 7 March. On arrival, pupils will take a rapid Lateral Flow Test for Covid-19 before parents depart; upon receiving a negative result, pupils will then enter their Boarding House. In order to manage the process of testing, a timetable for return will be provided which we ask parents to adhere to.

### Day Pupils

Pupils should expect to return to School on Monday 8 March. On arrival, Day pupils in Years 7 to 13 will be tested for Covid-19 and admitted to the School if they test negative.

Mr Harrison and Mr Newman will write with more detailed information about the times and places that pupils should return to School once they have finalised plans. All pupils will be tested three times during their first week of return.

Whilst pleased that our pupils will return, we are deeply conscious of the need to maintain the highest levels of biosecurity. All pupils in Year 7 and above will be tested twice each week. All visitors to campus are already being tested and will continue to be so; staff will continue to be tested twice each week. Both Schools will continue to operate mask wearing, ventilation, social distancing and intense hygiene and cleaning regimes. As previously, pupils displaying symptoms or testing positive will be isolated along with their close contacts where necessary.

The School will continue Remote Learning until 5 March. The difference between the Remote Learning Fee and full Fees will be credited to parents in the Summer Term fee bills, as was the case at the end of the Michaelmas Term. Any pupils who choose not to return for the remainder of the Term will be supported in their home education as before when School was in session.

Looking further ahead, the School has no plans to change its Term dates. We will not be in a position to offer accommodation during the Easter holiday, however quarantine arrangements will be in place from 8 April for those who require it prior to the start of the Summer Term and accommodation will be available through the Half Term break for any pupils who do not wish to travel home.

It is an enormous relief to be able to write this letter and look forward to the prospect of pupils and their families returning to our Schools. We are full of anticipation that the Term will finish on a high note and are looking forward to the Summer Term and all that it offers.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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Andrew Fleck

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## **Red List Countries as of 23 February 2021**

Parents travelling to Sedbergh from overseas are encouraged to maintain regular checks on the relevant UK Government website which can be found [HERE](#).

- Angola
- Argentina
- Bolivia
- Botswana
- Brazil
- Burundi
- Cape Verde
- Chile
- Colombia
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Ecuador
- Eswatini
- French Guiana
- Guyana
- Lesotho
- Malawi
- Mauritius
- Mozambique
- Namibia
- Panama
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Portugal (including Madeira and the Azores)
- Rwanda
- Seychelles
- South Africa
- Suriname
- Tanzania
- United Arab Emirates (UAE)
- Uruguay
- Venezuela
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe