



WINCHESTER
COLLEGE

A Guide to the Winchester College Provision

September 2020

I: Medical

- The school will follow Public Health England guidelines
- We have an excellent in-house medical team of paediatric nurses led by our Lead Nurse, fully supported by a team of General Practitioners and the city hospital in case of emergency. Our medical provision will have the flexibility to respond both to looking after individuals and managing the situation as a whole.
- Boys who show symptoms consistent with Covid-19 will be tested and appropriately isolated while we await the results. Because Covid-19 is a reportable disease, proper measures will be taken to identify those with whom the pupil has been in contact, and the results of this tracing will be shared with the local Health Protection Team.
- Should the pupil's test prove positive, we would liaise with his parents or guardians, together with the guardians and parents of any pupils with whom he had been in close contact, under the direction of the local Health Protection Team. Any pupil exhibiting symptoms which required more intensive care would be transferred to hospital.
- As is normal practice during any outbreak of influenza, if your son becomes unwell with a routine medical condition we may ask you to look after him at home in order to relieve pressure on our medical service. I would be grateful if parents would kindly let guardians know of this requirement.

Risk Management

- The main means for pupils to manage the risk of infection are the frequent cleaning of surfaces and the maintenance of a high level of personal hygiene, including frequent and thorough hand-washing.
- Extra washing facilities will be provided, and appropriate use of face coverings, gels and wipes promoted.
- There will be zero tolerance of any behaviour which causes another pupil to feel discomfort for the measures he chooses to take to protect himself and others, or behaviour which contravenes the mutual respect set out in the Winchester Code.

Quarantine

- We anticipate that the majority of pupils returning from outside the UK will not now need to quarantine for 14 days before term resumes. The list of quarantine-exempt countries may be found on the FCO website. Please consult this list regularly for changes.
- Pupils needing UK quarantine from 23 August are asked to do so with families, guardian or friends. If this is not possible, please email quarantine@wincoll.ac.uk by 1 August so that arrangements can be made in a boarding house. The cost (£1,680.00) will be added to blue bills. Would parents and guardians kindly note that this facility is only available to pupils travelling from those regions not identified on the FCO's list of exempt areas.

II: Education

Boarding

- The 11 boarding houses create pre-existing, natural households which will form the basis of our social groupings. This policy is endorsed by the Department for Education.
- House dining will aid preservation of the integrity of households, and there will be measures to minimise contact between boys and any staff who live off campus. Particular care will be taken over the allocation of washrooms and the arrangements for serving food.
- Activities may initially be organised on a house basis rather than a whole-school basis, depending on the scenario in which we find ourselves. Full use will be made of each house's recreational facilities.
- These measures provide a valuable opportunity to enhance house spirit, and to develop each pupil's sense of responsibility towards his community.

Teaching

- Boys will have a full programme of contact hours and toytime.
- Our growing expertise in Remote Teaching, combined with the introduction of Microsoft Teams, will enable a range of teaching scenarios within a timetable that can be flexible.
- We have the ability to deliver lessons as usual, or to teach lessons remotely to all boys, or to employ a hybrid system.
- Should circumstances dictate, we have devised a timetable which allows us to manage the numbers of boys on the campus at any time and ensure that the risk to boys, dons, and support staff is minimised.
- We do not anticipate the need for any catching up for exam preparation other than on an individual basis.

Sport and extra-curricular

- A varied and flexible programme of sport and physical activity will operate.
- If there should be a temporary suspension of inter-school competitions and tournaments as a result of rulings by the various sporting authorities, there will be an extended programme of house-based and inter-house sport.
- The House Singing Competition and the Junior Drama Festival will take place with recorded performances streamed online. The programme of House concerts, informal concerts and some Chamber Concerts will continue. Drama as well as Art, DT and other activities will continue very much as usual, but with a particular emphasis on house-based activities.

Special requirements

Pupils are asked return with the following - in the first three cases in plentiful supply:

- Non-alcohol anti-virus hand gel (for personal use)
- A supply of anti-virus wipes, to wipe down personal working spaces and equipment
- A supply of tissues
- 5 washable face coverings, named and of acceptable design (i.e. consistent with policy on shirts). Face coverings are included on this list in case government advice changes and the Headmaster's current intention is certainly to wear one.
- A bag or daysack to carry equipment such as books and Surfaces/laptops around the campus