

Isolation and Symptomatic Covid 19 Testing for Boarders

The school will support the national requirements of testing boarders with symptoms of Covid-19, and will uphold its responsibility and duty of care to inform Public Health England (or the relevant alternative body) and anyone who may have had recent contact with an infected person while in the boarding house. In the case of **boarder** showing symptoms, the following procedure should be followed:

UK-based boarder showing symptoms	Overseas boarder showing symptoms
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Immediate isolation in a sick-bay must take place, and either the parent or legal guardian contacted as soon as possible. This will be the responsibility of the nurse or boarding staff on duty at the time.2. Parent or guardian will be asked to arrange a test for Covid-19 at the earliest convenience and a collection time arranged for the child. Child must remain in sick-bay isolation until they are collected. Member of staff tending to the child during this time should wear PPE.3. Parent should be asked to collect their child from outside the school, with the safest point being the rear of the school. Child should be taken out to meet their parent via one of the direct exit routes from the house, not downstairs through the school building.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Immediate isolation in a sick-bay must take place, and either the parent and guardian/agent contacted as soon as possible to explain what will happen. This is the responsibility of the nurse or member of boarding staff on duty at the time.2. Where the parent is not residing in the UK, the nurse on duty will arrange a local Covid test or a school one and take the child to the test centre. They must remain in isolation until this time. PPE en route in the vehicle is advised.

Once testing has taken place, the child must remain at home (UK pupils) or in isolation in school (overseas pupils with no parent or guardian locally) until they receive the results. In the event of a positive test, they must remain in isolation for the required period of time (current requirement is 10 days). In the event of a positive test, the Bursar is to be informed who will contact Public Health England to report a confirmed case and seek advice on the best course of action for other pupils and staff.

Isolation in the first instance should be in an unoccupied sick-bay in the boarding house. Common rooms and dorms are not to be used for isolation or ill children. If sick bay is unavailable, alternative accommodation may be used and staffing arranged. If a boarder displays symptoms the Head of Boarding, Headmaster, and school nurses should be informed, and at the soonest opportunity **ALL STAFF** must be informed that a symptomatic child is isolating in sick-bay and that nobody must enter the isolation area at that time. There should be no visitors to the boarding house.

Regular temperature testing will be carried out on all boarders. This will be on a weekly basis initially, and will be reviewed during the term.