



## CUB email to all Boarding Parents 4-3-21

Dear Parents and Guardians

As mentioned in our boarder parent email last week, we have confirmation of staggered dates for resumption of in-school learning for all of our students:

- Form 6 resumed on Monday March 1<sup>st</sup>
- Form 5 will resume on Monday March 15<sup>th</sup>
- Forms 1-4 will resume after the Easter Break on April 12<sup>th</sup>

**A common question we have been asked is - if students do not return to the school campus when in-school learning resumes, can they still attend school remotely? The answer is NO.**

The Department of Education has mandated that students receive 100% in-school learning or 100% remote learning. Therefore, teachers are not permitted to livestream their classes. However, from August to December, 2020, we had two teachers dedicated to supporting students who had to remain home, due to a Covid-related illness or vulnerability to the infection, and this will continue.

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

#### 1. If student has not yet returned to Ireland

- **Form 5** - Must return to KH by **March 9<sup>th</sup>** with a negative PCR test, quarantine in a single room for 5 days, and have a negative day 5 PCR test after quarantine, to resume in-person classes.
- **Forms 1-4** - Must return to KH by **April 6<sup>th</sup>** with a negative PCR test, quarantine in a single room for 5 days, and have a negative day 5 PCR test after quarantine, to resume in-person classes.

#### 2. Boarding remains open for Easter Break

The school will remain open during the Easter Break for International students, but they can also go out to a host family in Ireland, provided they return with a negative PCR test. More details on the Easter Camp will be forwarded on next week.

#### 3. Returning from overseas

An International student that has not yet returned **may return earlier than the cut-off date of 9<sup>th</sup> of March (F5) or 6<sup>th</sup> April (F1-4)**, if there are challenges arranging flights, but **may NOT return LATER than the cut-off date**, due to difficulties providing appropriate quarantine, when all boarding students return.

#### 4. Returning from a host family

An International student that is currently in a host family in Ireland, may return earlier than the return to school date but must contact [Cormac UaBrudair](#) to arrange in advance, and arrive with a negative PCR test.



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### 5. Travel Information

All flight information must be input in BoardingWare, and correspondence emailed to [overseastravel@thekingshospital.ie](mailto:overseastravel@thekingshospital.ie).

## IRISH RESIDENT BOARDING STUDENTS & INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN HOST FAMILIES

### 1. Return Dates

- Form 5 - Sunday March 14<sup>th</sup> between 7 & 9pm. (see [previous email](#) for more detail)
- Forms 1,2, 3, & 4 - Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup> between 7 & 9pm.

### 2. Return PCR Test

- All boarders **must present with a negative PCR** test on arrival to school on Sunday evening, March 14<sup>th</sup>, that was taken within 72 hours of return (the cost of which will be rebated to you).
- Once a student takes the test, they must isolate and avoid public places until they return to school. We can provide details of test centres we have used, so please email [Cormac UaBruadair](mailto:Cormac.UaBruadair) with any PCR queries.

Very strict protocols are in place at school, particularly in the boarding areas, and all students must be made aware that while infection levels remain high in the community, we will only accept 100% compliance. Many students, families and staff members, will be anxious about returning to school, so let us be considerate and remain alert, to keep each other safe and healthy.

Kind regards

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