



International Students' Travel Scheme 2021/2022

For the coming academic year 2021/2022, we will continue to follow the [BSA COVID-SAFE Charter](#), which defines best-practice for the safe transportation of International Students to and from the airport.

Living with Covid-19 involves travel restrictions and government regulations that can change at any time, and we cannot predict what will be in place throughout the academic year. However, with the students' safety and security in mind we have put the following scheme in place, which will cover the student's travel requirements and provide transparency on costs.

The school cannot be held responsible if an update in government travel rules alters your child's pre-planned itinerary.

The school may request that students do not travel home for a weekend or mid-term break if quarantine or self-isolation rules are imposed for their country of origin or connecting country. Guardians are expected to arrange for your child to stay at a host family when school is closed. If they do travel abroad during a quarantine period the school may be unable to facilitate the self-isolation period, and a host family must be arranged.

Arrival at start of term – dates on next page – subject to quarantine/self-isolation mandates

Please see separate document on 'QUARANTINE - arriving into Ireland at the end of August', as this document outlines what the anticipated government travel restrictions will be in place then, and determines how and when a student should arrive to school.

Students can now be brought to school at the start of term by a KH driver, parent or guardian. However, all Covid-safe precautions must be taken, as stated in the [BSA COVID-SAFE Charter](#). No parent or guardian will be permitted to enter the school buildings. Parents and guardians will only be able to access the grounds (outdoors), with permission from the school, dependant on quarantine/self-isolation rules in place at that time.

If a student is travelling directly from the Airport to the School, or School to Airport, at any time throughout the school year, they must travel on the school transportation, no exceptions.

If a student is arriving into Ireland before the start of any term or half term, and going to a friend, relative, host family, or accommodation with a family member, then they must show proof of travel, where they are staying and who with.

KH School Transportation Service will provide:

1. Travel to and from the arrival/departure gates at the airport with a member of staff.
2. A text message to the designated parent/guardian informing them of the safe arrival/ departure of their child at the airport.
3. Drivers known to The King's Hospital School, who have been Garda (police) vetted.
4. Covid-related paperwork, eg Passenger Locator Form

Airport Transportation €50 each way

Each airport trip must be booked and pre-paid online, at €50 each way. The €50 fee applies only if the student leaves the school or arrives between the hours of 06:30 to 22:00 on the days noted below.

Airport Transportation out of hours €125 each way

If a student leaves or arrives at the school between the hours of 22:00 and 06:30 or on a day not included in the travel schedule, the trip is charged at €125, to cover out-of-hours staffing and the private transport tariff.

PCR Testing €120 (includes transport)

If a student requires a PCR test to travel back to their country, the school will provide transportation to a reliable testing facility, with results guaranteed within 24 hours. The cost will be €120, which includes transport to the facility and back, in addition to the PCR test.

Government-supplied PCR tests 5-day post-arrival €50 transport charge

Currently the Irish government is covering the cost of a PCR test for travellers from certain countries on day 5 of entering Ireland. If this is still necessary, once the academic year begins, there will be a charge of €50 round trip, to cover staffing and transport.

International Students Travel Rules

1. All International Students are required to use school transport to and from the Airport during the school year. If you have already paid your agent/guardian for airport transfers, they can pay us directly for the trips your child takes on our transport.
2. The school has already extended its opening and closing times on the day of and day before school exerts to - 06.30 to 22:00 - in order to facilitate flight times. Any airport transfers requiring the student to depart/arrive at the school **outside** of these times will incur a **€125** transport charge.
3. All airport transfer requests must be prepaid at least two weeks in advance, through an online booking form.
4. The students' parents and guardians are responsible for all up to date travel documentation and knowledge of country-specific regulations, required for travel.
5. Students must follow all Covid-19 guidelines mandated by the Irish government and KH designated staff, at all times during airport transfers.

School Opens at 06:30am and closes at 22:00pm on the dates below:

Event (Dates boarding school is closed)	Date of Arrival/Departure
Arrival for quarantine only	Tuesday 17 th of August, 2021
Arrival for all other new entrants	Tuesday 24 th August, 2021
Form 6 returning students	Tuesday 24 th August, 2021
Form 4 returning students	Wednesday 25 th August, 2021
Form 5 returning students	Wednesday 25 th August, 2021
Form 2 returning students	Thursday 26 th August, 2021
Form 3 returning students	Thursday 26 th August, 2021
Midterm break – Departure	Thursday 21 st & Friday 22 nd October, 2021
Midterm break – Arrival	Sunday 31 st October & Monday 1 st November, 2021
Christmas Holidays - Departure	Tuesday 21 st & Wednesday 22 nd December, 2021
Christmas Holidays – Arrival	Wednesday 5 th January & Thursday 6 th January, 2022 An additional date of Sunday January 9 th had been added.
Midterm break – Departure	Thursday 17 th & Friday 18 th February 2022
Midterm break – Arrival	Sunday 27 th February & Monday 28 th February 2022
Easter Holidays – Departure	Thursday 8 th April & Friday 9 th April 2022
Easter Holidays – Arrival	Sunday 24 th April & Monday 25 th April 2022
End of term	Thursday 2 nd June & Friday 3 rd June, or after the student's final State Exam.