

17th July 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope that you are well, that you are enjoying your summer holiday wherever you are in the world.

I am writing to you regarding September 2020 and the plans and policies we are putting in place to ensure that we all stay healthy and safe. As we are all aware, the past few months have been challenging for so many across the globe and I am writing to reassure you that the health and safety of the entire DLD community continues to be our top priority. Within our own context, I am delighted to report that we have successfully navigated the pandemic outbreak so far and there have been no cases of COVID-19 in the College.

Please click [here](#) for the latest comprehensive policy on the physical re-opening of DLD College London in September 2020.

Looking forward, we have planned for the following measures to be in place on the students' return in September. We are delighted to be accepting students from a number of countries from around the world and ask that the measures below are followed to ensure the continued health and safety of all of our DLD community.

Day students (arriving from outside the UK) – quarantining for 14 days in your place of residence

- Students will be expected to quarantine for 14 days in their UK residence. Please ensure the student sends the admissions team (dld-admissions@dld.org) a photo of their travelling ticket to confirm the start date of their quarantining.

Boarding students

To ensure the health and safety of the whole community, we will be expecting **all boarding students to quarantine for 14 days from arrival**, boarders will have the following options:

- **Staying with nominated UK guardians** – if so, please ensure the boarder sends the admissions team a photo of their flight ticket and/or arrival stamp inside their passport to confirm the start date of their quarantining.
- **In the DLD Boarding House** – we require each student's flight details; direct transport from the airport to the college will be organised for you. Boarders will be quarantining inside their boarding en-suite rooms for the period and will be engaging in activities and receiving meals outside of that space. **The Boarding House will be open from Tuesday 1st September 2020 from 9.00am for new and returning boarders; if returning at this time, please complete and return the DLD College Arrival Form to our Accommodation Officer, Alisa Cernavska, alisa.cernavska@dld.org.**

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Medical matters

In order to support all our students effectively could I ask you, prior to arrival, to inform the College admissions team if your son/daughter or any close family or contacts have received a positive Covid-19 test result.

Also, if your son or daughter has been identified as clinically vulnerable to Covid-19, again please do communicate this to our admissions team as soon as possible. It is important that we have identified all relevant students prior to arrival to ensure effective measures are considered and put in place.

Induction and starting lessons

Induction will start on:

- **Tuesday 1st September 2020 for Lower School students - Years 9, 10 & 11;**
- **Wednesday 2nd September - Years 12 & 13 (A-Level & BTEC) and Year 14 (International Foundation Programme)**

Lessons will be face-to-face for those who have completed their quarantine. For those quarantining, a comprehensive online induction will be taking place, to ensure that all students are fully equipped to start lessons the following week.

Lessons will take place face-to-face for those who have completed their quarantine from Monday 7th September 2020. Those students who are quarantining will have online lessons until the completion of the 14-day period.

On the next page, we have posted some Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), which will provide clear answers to your queries.

I am very much looking forward to welcoming the whole community back to the College in September. Whilst our online provision has been outstanding, I am delighted to be able to have everyone under one roof once more.

Safe travels and keep safe.



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We have answered a number of frequently asked questions to assist below.

Frequently Asked Questions

What preventative measures will you be taking?

In terms of prevention measures, students and staff who live outside College who are entering the building will be tracked by a thermal imaging camera covering the entrance. Those with high temperatures will be checked once more and asked to leave and quarantine themselves if the high temperature persists.

Boarders will have their temperatures checked in the morning, by the boarding staff on duty.

Hand sanitisers are available throughout the building and in the boarding.

Lifts and spaces around the College will be regularly cleaned.

All students will be provided with a face covering as part of a DLD Wellbeing pack, which will also include an initial hand sanitiser.

How will the community maintain social distancing practices?

We will be adopting a one-way system around College, asking everyone to stay on their left, reducing capacity in relevant classrooms and staggering meal times (breakfast, lunch and dinner) to ensure capacities are in line with Government guidelines.

What happens if my son/daughter develops COVID-19 symptoms?

If you are aware that your son/daughter is a day student and has COVID-19 symptoms, they should remain away from College in line with the Public Health England (PHE) guidance.

If a student develops symptoms during the day in College they will be sent to the College Nurse for assessment. Following confirmation of symptoms from the College Nurse, boarders will be asked to isolate in their room and follow the PHE guidance. Day students will be expected to either be collected by a parent or guardian or to travel home unaccompanied, depending on age.

What will you do if there is an outbreak in College?

We will be following guidance from the PHE if there is a confirmed outbreak within College and in line with the DLD College Medical policy.

Will parents be able to visit the College during the induction?

Unfortunately, at this time, we will be unable to accept parents into the College during the induction period. The Principal, Irfan Latif will be hosting online introductory meetings with parents who are interested; please contact dld-admissions@dld.org and do please contact us if you have any individual questions.

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How will online classes work?

Students register on our online learning platform, CANVAS, and will be receiving detailed instructions on learning activities to be undertaken. Students will have daily meetings with their Personal Tutors to check on their progress and wellbeing over the course of online delivery. Students will also have access to their subject teachers for support and feedback.

Who will students be able to turn to if they are feeling anxious or stressed?

Pastoral care and wellbeing is at the heart of everything we do at College. There are a number of professionally trained staff who are available to the students including their Personal Tutors, Director of Studies, Head of Lower School, Head of Wellbeing, College Counsellor, College Nurse and our Life Coach. If the student is a boarder, they each have a Huddle Houseparent who oversees their boarding life and experience.

How will the boarders be able to interact during the quarantine period?

We will be using online platforms to enable effective interaction over this time. This will include linking in with other students, Personal Tutors, subject teachers and Boarding staff, including senior leaders.

Boarders will have the opportunity to take part in a series of challenges and activities organised by the boarding staff.

How will my son/daughter have access to food or exercise during quarantine?

Boarders will be catered for by our on-site chefs, providing freshly made nutritious food from our Global Kitchen. Each floor will be allocated times throughout the course of the quarantine in one of the College's garden spaces.

How will my son/daughter have their rooms cleaned and how will their laundry be processed?

The majority of boarders choose to take advantage of the laundry service at an additional cost; those who do not have the option to wash their clothes at appointed times within the building using the laundry room. During quarantine, cleaning staff will provide basic cleaning (e.g. the emptying of bins) and boarders will have access to other basic cleaning utensils should they wish to use them.

How will my son/daughter be able to access hand sanitiser and face masks?

There will be hand sanitiser available throughout College. We will also be offering a complimentary bottle of hand sanitiser and washable face covering in the DLD Wellbeing pack on arrival. However, each student will be required to source their own masks/coverings and wear them at the appropriate times (for example, when traveling on public transport and in shops).

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How is the online induction going to function?

There will be a series of online resources available to students, orientating them to life at College including academic, pastoral, wellbeing and boarding matters. We will be establishing connections between students and staff through the induction. Personal Tutors will meet with their tutees on a daily basis and Student Council members will be in touch with students.

What happens when I arrive at College?

You will be greeted by a member of DLD staff who will accompany you to your room. You will be provided with your DLD Wellbeing pack and schedule as well as details on designated mealtimes, exercise and activities.

Can I arrive to the UK early and quarantine prior to college opening?

If your visa allows, this is not a problem, please ensure you make us aware of your arrangements (dld-admissions@dld.org)

If I am studying online due to quarantine, will I receive a discount?

Yes, you will receive a discount of 20% pro-rata for the period you study online.

I already have my visa? Can I defer my studies to January?

If you already have your visa, you should return in September 2020 as planned. Full and final guidance will be published by the UKVI on 31st July 2020.

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