

30th September 2021

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians and Agents,

## Changes to international travel rules in the UK from Monday 4th October 2021

As we approach half term, and as you may be starting to make travel plans, I would like to draw your attention to changes to international travel rules in the UK, which take effect from Monday 4th October 2021.

When arriving in the UK from Monday 4th October 2021, you do not need to quarantine if you have been fully vaccinated for at least 14 days either under an approved vaccination programme in the UK, Europe, USA, or under the UK vaccine programme overseas, or with a full course of the Oxford /AstraZeneca, Pfizer BioNTech, Moderna or Janssen vaccines from a relevant public health body in Australia, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Bahrain, Brunei, Canada, Dominica, Israel, Japan, Kuwait, Malaysia, New Zealand, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan or the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

The same rules will apply for those who are under 18 and resident in the UK or one of the countries or territories with approved vaccination programmes (see the list above). Although you will not need to quarantine, you must adhere to the UK government's testing requirements and complete a passenger locator form, details of which are shown on the government's website: <a href="click here">click here</a>.

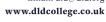
If you are not fully vaccinated under an approved programme in the UK or one of the countries listed above, or under 18 and resident in one of those countries, you will need to quarantine for 10 days upon your arrival to the UK. The government website has more information on the rules and testing requirements that apply in this situation: click here.

The exception to the rules described above is if you have been in a country or territory on the <u>red list</u> in the last 10 days. If this is the case, you will only be allowed to enter the UK if you are a British or Irish national, or you have residence rights in the UK. This applies regardless of whether you are vaccinated or not. Once you arrive in the UK, you must quarantine for 10 days and follow the UK government's testing requirements. Boarders who are <u>under 18</u> can quarantine in the DLD boarding house, for further guidance on this please <u>click here</u>. Those who are over 18, must quarantine for 10 days in a government-approved quarantine hotel when arriving from red list countries. For more information on this please <u>click here</u>.

Please use the links in this letter to find out more about the rules that apply to your particular situation. It is very important that you follow the quarantine rules, and if you breach them, you may face a penalty of up to £10,000 from the government.

When booking any travel over half term, please note that all students must finish their quarantine by Monday 1st November at the latest, so that they can join their lessons face-to-face when the college term resumes. It is extremely important that classroom learning can resume as planned, so please ensure that any flights booked allow sufficient time to quarantine (if required) before students are due back in lessons.

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I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that a form (which has been sent to all parents and guardians of boarders) must be completed for all boarders and returned to the Accommodation Officer, Alisa Cernavska (alisa.cernavska@dld.org) by Friday 1st October 2021 to indicate whether each student wishes to stay in the boarding house, or leave for the whole or part of the half term break.

I hope this information is helpful to you. If we receive any further updates to this guidance, we will keep you informed.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Edwardson

Bursar







