

INFORMATION FOR BOARDERS

2020



St Peter's School YORK

Revised August 2020

Welcome to Boarding at St Peter's School

Whether you are starting with us for the first time or returning to school, we are very much looking forward to you being here.

Boarding is a wonderful experience, giving you access to all aspects of school life and the opportunity to make lifelong friendships. In recent months, we have not been able to offer boarding but in September, the school will fully reopen its campus, albeit with some changes to keep you safe.

Your boarding House is your home while you are in school. All of the measures we are taking to keep you safe and well are based on that, making sure that you have all of the comforts, fun and practicalities you would have if you were at home. Your Houseparents, Matron and other staff are there to care for you, answer your questions and make sure House life continues as normal.

During the school day when you are with the day pupils, it is likely there will be other changes around the campus to keep us all safe. We will be sending out more information to all pupils before the beginning of term.

This document sets out some of the things we are doing at St Peter's to make sure that we are all ready for you when you come in September. We have signed up to the [Boarding Schools' Association Covid Safe Charter](#), please click on the logo at the bottom of this page for more information and we are following guidance from the government and regulatory bodies.

Make some time to discuss this with your parents and guardians and if you have any questions or concerns, please contact your Houseparent in the first instance. If you are new, hopefully you had the chance to meet them on your virtual induction and all of their contact details are included later in this document.

Most of all, I hope that you are excited about the start of term and ready for a new chapter at St Peter's School.

We look forward to welcoming you.



Head Master



The Boarding Houses

Houseparents will be contactable in the holidays from 6-10 July and after 24 August. If you need to get in touch outside these times, please email enquiries@stpetersyork.org.uk and your message can be passed on to someone who will be able to help.

Hopefully you already have the contact details for your House, but here is a reminder:

The Rise



Mrs Gillies



da.gillies@stpetersyork.org.uk

Dronfield



Mr Whitehouse



j.whitehouse@stpetersyork.org.uk

The Manor



Mr Noy-Scott



e.noy-scott@stpetersyork.org.uk

Linton



Mr Battersby



hu.battersby@stpetersyork.org.uk

Wentworth



Mr Sharp



g.sharp@stolavesyork.org.uk

Dates for your diaries

New Boarders Return



Returning boarders are welcome on this day too or you may prefer to come back on Monday 7 September

If you are coming to the UK from another country **not** listed as a “travel corridor” you will need to quarantine for 14 days with a guardian or family before you can return to school. Please check the [government website](#) before you make your travel plans.

Welcome Day for New Starters

Returning Boarders Back to School



Please check the [government website](#) for the latest guidelines before you book and travel.

Term Begins



Arriving at School

We have staggered the return to school this year to enable us to welcome new pupils and allow time to settle into the new term. This will give us plenty of time to explain the provision that will be in place for care and support at St Peter's.

New boarders return to school on Sunday 6 September, and will have a day of induction and welcome on Monday 7 September.

Returning boarders can arrive either on Sunday 6 or Monday 7 September, depending on travel arrangements. Term begins for all pupils on Tuesday 8 September

- ✓ If you are arriving from outside the UK from a country not listed as a “travel corridor”, please ensure you have made arrangements for quarantine, staying either with family or your guardian. Please check the [government website](#) before you make your travel plans.
- ✓ If quarantine requirements mean you will miss the start of term, please do not worry and contact your Houseparent to make arrangements for staying up to date.
- ✓ **Please ensure that the school has your latest guardian arrangements for their records.**
- ✓ Please make sure you have arrangements in place with your guardian for travel to St Peter's on the correct date. If possible, avoid public transport but if you need to use it, remember that you must wear a face mask on all public transport in the UK.
- ✓ When you receive your Health Declaration Form, please complete and return immediately
- ✓ If you are arriving at school on Sunday 6 September you can come any time between noon and 6pm. Please contact your Houseparent at the end of August to arrange an arrival time so that we can stagger the arrivals and not have too many people arriving at once. Only one family will be allowed in your bedroom at any time.
- ✓ When you have been dropped off, we will ask parents and guardians to leave as soon as possible. But don't worry, you'll have plenty of time to say goodbye and we'll make sure that you have lots of opportunities to keep in touch while you are at school.

We can arrange to collect you from Leeds-Bradford Airport.
Please contact enquiries@stpetersyork.org.uk

For all other transfers, please contact your guardian or pre-book with [York Station Taxis](#)

Pupils who require a visa to study in the UK

Before you start your journey, please make sure you make the following arrangements:

- ✓ Ensure you have sent in all of your documents for St Peter's to issue your CAS in order to apply for your Tier 4 Child visa.
- ✓ Ensure you carry your passport including your visa vignette in your hand luggage along with:
 - The letter you received to confirm your visa and vignette.
 - Your offer letter from St Peter's.
 - Confirmation from your parents on your travel and guardian arrangements.
- ✓ **DO NOT** use the e-gates at the UK Border. Your vignette must be stamped by Border Control as you enter the UK.
- ✓ Hand in your passport to your Houseparent as soon as you arrive at St Peter's. They will ensure that your Biometric Residence Permit (BRP) is collected on your behalf.

If you already have your BRP, please make sure you carry it with you throughout your journey.



Please check the [government website](#) for the latest guidelines before you book and travel.

House Life

Now more than ever, we ask you to respect the rules to make your House a safe and fun place to live. Please remember:



Keep your room tidy so that our cleaners can do a really thorough job when they come in. We've removed any unnecessary furniture to make cleaning as easy as possible.

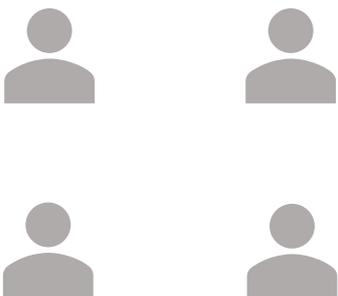


Clear up the kitchen after you've made yourself a snack to keep surfaces clean. Put all used crockery and cutlery in the dishwasher.



Keep bathrooms clean and clutter-free. Only use your own towels.

Each House has its own dedicated team of cleaning staff who come in every day. They get to know boarders very well and are part of the House team offering pastoral care and support.



Respect each other's space and privacy. Guests may only enter the House with your Houseparent's permission and adhering to the latest guidelines.

Your House is defined as a "household" under the current guidance in the UK. This means that when you are in the House:

- ✓ Social distancing is not mandatory with other members of your House community
- ✓ Any visitors to your House will need to socially distance and adhere to our [visitors' policy](#)
- ✓ Facilities such as lounges, study spaces, kitchens and bathrooms can be shared amongst household members

Keeping you safe

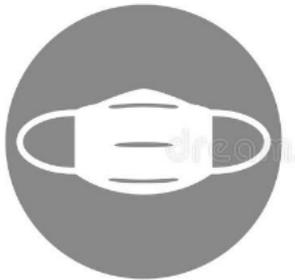
We are taking some additional precautions to protect your health:



Additional handwashing facilities and hand sanitisers throughout the boarding Houses and school.



Increased cleaning throughout the boarding Houses and school. Laundry will be washed at the highest possible temperature.



The government does not presently require pupils or staff to wear face masks in UK schools. Wearing a face mask is a matter of individual choice. Face masks are currently compulsory on public transport and in shops in the UK.



We will monitor your health and take your temperature regularly.

Exeats and Half Term

We do not know yet what the situation will be like in the future and how it will affect travel plans. In the meantime:

- ✓ We would like everyone to have a proper break from school during exeats and half terms, this is important to ensure you have plenty of energy for the rest of the term.
- ✓ Please make arrangements to return home or to your guardians for exeats and half term if possible. These will take place on the following dates:
 - Exeat: 25-27 September 2020
 - Half Term: 16 October – 1 November 2020
 - Exeat: 20-22 November 2020
- ✓ If you are planning to travel internationally, please check the [government website](#) for the latest guidelines before you book and travel and discuss your plans with your Houseparent before booking flights.
- ✓ If you are invited to stay at a school friend's house for exeats or half term, please discuss this with your Houseparent to ensure that this can be done within the latest restrictions.
- ✓ We will continue to review the situation regarding half terms and exeats throughout the term



Please check the [government website](#) for the latest guidelines before you book and travel.

If you feel ill

There are plenty of people to care for you if you feel ill

If you feel unwell, tell your Houseparent or Matron. If it is during the school day, tell your teacher. They will ask you some questions and then decide how best to treat you.

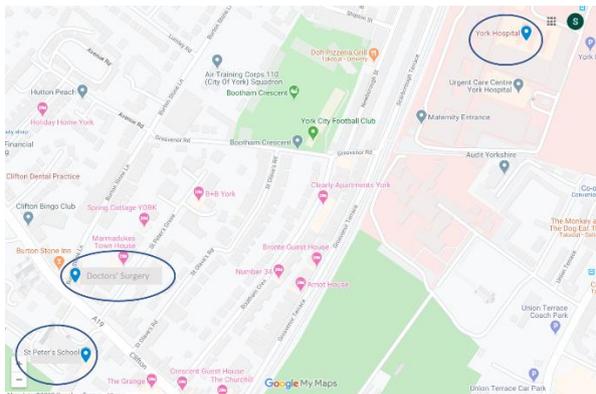
If you show any of the symptoms of Covid-19, you will be tested for the virus immediately. There is more information later in this document about Covid and the action we would take.



Our medical staff are always available, 24 hours a day, throughout the term. We have a fully equipped medical centre on the campus.



If you need to see a doctor, the surgery is directly opposite St Peter's School and we can make you an appointment.



If you need hospital treatment, York Hospital is less than one mile away from the school.

Covid-19 Action

Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, our response has been underpinned by five key actions which will continue into the new school year:

- 1) Minimising contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school.
- 2) Cleaning hands more often than usual - washing hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and drying them thoroughly or using alcohol hand rub or sanitiser, ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered.
- 3) Ensuring good respiratory hygiene - promote the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- 4) Cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products, such as detergents and bleach.
- 5) Minimising contact and mixing by altering, as much as possible, the environment (such as classroom layout) and timetables.

Staff will be monitoring all pupils for symptoms of Covid-19 and we ask you to be aware of these too. Symptoms include:

- ✓ A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (staff will regularly measure your temperature)
- ✓ A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- ✓ A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Covid-19 Action

In the UK, anyone who shows any symptoms of Covid-19 will be tested for the virus. This will include all of our boarders.

- ✓ If you have symptoms, you will be moved into isolation in the medical centre and tested for Covid-19.
- ✓ If the result is positive and your symptoms are mild you will remain in isolation in the medical centre for a minimum of 10 days. Alternatively, your parents may wish to collect you and bring you home for that period, which would mean they and anyone else living in your home would have to self-isolate.
- ✓ If your symptoms worsen, we will seek medical advice from the doctor or local hospital.
- ✓ If your test is negative, you will receive appropriate treatment and return to House when well.

If someone in your House tests positive, the guidelines are similar to private homes in the UK:

- ✓ We will test others in the House for Covid-19.
- ✓ We will check the temperature and general health of everyone in the House.
- ✓ Everyone will remain in the House in isolation from the rest of the school, following the most up to date guidelines.
- ✓ Remote lessons will take place and activities arranged in House.

PART TIME AND WEEKLY BOARDERS

Please discuss arrangements with your Houseparent as you will be members of multiple households.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE GUIDELINES MAY CHANGE IF
NEW ADVICE IS ISSUED**