

COVID-19 Statement

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Dear Parent / Guardian / Agent,

Following our temporary closure last summer due to the global pandemic, I am pleased to inform you that our team is now back and is busy preparing for summer 2021.

Despite the second wave and emergence of new strains of the virus in the UK, Europe and worldwide, the UK is well underway in the delivery of its largest vaccination programme of all time; by the summer, most of the adult population will have been vaccinated. At 13 April 2021, over 32 million adults had received their first dose of one of the approved vaccines.

With this in mind, and considering that our boarding school partners have been operating for much of the academic year and have developed robust procedures and protocols to operate safely, we are absolutely committed to delivering our summer school programmes in 2021.

As such, we are now open for bookings.

Book with Confidence, Book Stress-Free

For your peace of mind, we have extended our free cancellation window for 2021. This means that if **you cancel your course** before **1 June 2021**, we will offer you a **full refund**.

If you need to cancel your course after 1 June 2021 due to **international travel restrictions** or the student having to **quarantine** on arrival, we will also offer you a **100% refund**.

If we decide to completely cancel the summer school for 2021, of course, we will also offer you a full refund.

Insurance

Insurance is automatically included for all attending students. Our new student travel insurance provider Endsleigh now provides cover for **medical expenses in the UK** if a student falls ill with **COVID-19** while at summer school.

COVID-19 Testing

We will operate any COVID-19 testing protocols in line with UK government guidance. At the moment, students will be required to take a **PCR test** less than 72 hours before departure (from their home country) and take another test on their second day after arrival into the UK.

Traffic Light System for Quarantine on Arrival

The UK Government is set to introduce a traffic light system (green / amber / red) to determine the protocols international visitors will need to comply with on arrival.

It is expected that visitors from "green" countries will not need to quarantine on arrival but will need to take a COVID-19 test less than 72 hours before departure (from their home country) and take another test on their second day after arrival into the UK. We will facilitate all testing carried out in the UK but as you will appreciate, this will need to be at the expense of the parent / guardian. When the final details are released by the UK Government, we will adapt our protocols accordingly.

Children attending our summer schools from overseas will need to follow the entry guidance and requirements set out by the UK government at the time of travel. Current guidance can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/uk-border-control>

Isolation Protocol

We will operate any COVID-19 isolation protocols in line with UK government guidance.

Based on the current advice, any student who displays symptoms of COVID-19 (as outlined on the NHS website) will be required to self-isolate immediately and take a COVID-19 test. If a student needs to self-isolate, they will be cared for in isolation by our staff.

We will continue to monitor and adapt our isolation protocols in accordance with UK government guidance and advice.

General COVID-19 Safety

Following national guidance and working very closely with our boarding school partners, we will take all the measures necessary to protect our staff and students, which may include:

- Having systems in place to avoid large queues and creating one-way systems where possible;
- Applying physical social distancing rules of at least 1m for all staff and students;
- Ensuring the regular deep cleaning of all bedrooms and communal areas at school;
- Making sure there is sufficient space between beds and reducing the number of beds in larger bedrooms;
- Ensuring that all equipment is washed and disinfected regularly after each use;
- Reducing or removing whole-school meetings and events
- Adapting our programme to maximise the use of outdoor space in order to ensure social distancing;
- Creating student bubbles to reduce unnecessary mixing within the study body where feasible;
- Having a dedicated space in each boarding house in case we need to immediately isolate any students;
- Immediately isolating students if they display COVID-19 symptoms as listed on the NHS website;
- Promoting symptom awareness to all staff and students and training staff on what to do if they suspect that they, another staff member or a student has COVID-19;
- Ensuring that all staff and students wash their hands regularly and providing the equipment and materials for them to do so;
- Requiring staff and students to wear a face mask or covering during certain off-site activities such as on transport, inside excursion venues and in shops, unless except;
- Reviewing our Risk Assessments of all sporting and recreational activities and cultural trips and removing those activities which are considered to present higher than acceptable risks for contracting the virus;

- Requiring staff to subscribe to the UK Government's Track and Trace system to alert them if they come into close contact with any person who tests positive with the virus.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Do I still need to pay a deposit in order to book my course?

Yes, all bookings are still subject to a deposit payment of £300 per week for a residential course.

2. If I decide to cancel my course, can I get a refund?

If you cancel before 1 June 2021 for any reason, we will offer you a full refund. If you cancel after this date due to international travel restrictions or the student having to quarantine on arrival, we will also offer you a full refund.

3. If my child gets sick while at summer school, what will happen?

If we suspect your child may have COVID-19, we will immediately isolate them and designate a staff member to look after them. We will contact our National Health Service for advice and inform our insurance provider Endsleigh.

4. What does your insurance policy cover?

Our student travel insurance policy with Endsleigh covers medical expenses in the UK and repatriation costs if a student falls ill with COVID-19 while at summer school.

5. How do I know my child will be safe at your summer school?

Our boarding school partners have been open during the pandemic so they have robust infrastructures, policies and protocols in place to operate safely. We will work closely with each school and follow all UK guidance to make sure our courses are run as safely as possible.

6. I do not want my child to go off-site for any sporting activities, trips or excursions.

If this is your preference, let us know and we will make sure that your child stays on the school campus at all times.

If you have any questions about how we will take care of our students' safety and well-being next summer, please contact us at admin@exsportise.co.uk

Kind Regards,



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