

25 February 2021



Dear Parents, Guardians and Agents,

Following the announcement of the return to in-person teaching from Monday 8 March, we would like to give our internationally based boarders some more details on our plans for the return to school and also to look ahead to the Easter/Spring break and the Summer Term.

Return for Monday 8 March

If your son or daughter is not currently at the School or in the UK and you would like to discuss their return for the re-opening of school on Monday 8 March, please contact Mrs Tilley, Head of Boarding, by email on t.tilley@stonarschool.com

If parents would prefer for their sons and daughters to remain at home and not to travel to the UK for the remainder of this term, then pupils will be able to continue to access their lessons remotely during this time.

Easter Holiday and Return for the Summer Term

We are aware that families will need to make plans for the Easter holiday and for the start of the Summer Term.

- The school site will close on the last day of this term, Friday 26 March, until Monday 5 April.
- Boarders who are in school and who wish to go home for the Easter break, are permitted to leave early and access lessons remotely in order to have a reasonable period of time at home before returning for quarantine prior to the start of the Summer Term. Please email Mrs Tilley (t.tilley@stonarschool.com) if you would like to discuss this option.

Quarantine:

We believe that quarantine will still be required in April for entry into the UK, therefore:

- We will open on Monday 5 April for pupils arriving from abroad for quarantine.
- Boarders **must arrive between 5-7 April** in order for quarantine to be completed by the start of the Summer Term on 18 April.
- Boarders who are not able to arrive in that time frame will need to quarantine with guardians before returning to the School. If this is problematic for you please let us know.
- There will be a charge of £500 for onsite quarantine to cover our costs.

Boarders Remaining in the UK:

- We will also open from Monday 5 April to pupils who have remained with guardians in the UK after the end of this term.
- Pupils will not be required to quarantine and will be able to access the Equestrian Centre and other school facilities.
- There will be a charge of £500 for this period to cover our costs, but it should be noted that this is not running in the same way as the Stay@Stonar programme. We will, however, facilitate an enjoyable experience for all.

Confirming Travel Plans:

We will send you a link to our online travel form for the end of this term and the start of next term on Monday 1 March. Please communicate all travel and quarantine requirements using this form.

Stay@Stonar for May Half-Term

It is our intention to run our Stay@Stonar programme for the May half-term, enabling pupils to stay onsite for this week. More information on this will follow in the Summer Term.

“Ask the Headmaster” Webinar

We will be running a **Zoom webinar event on Tuesday 2 March at 09:00 GMT** for our internationally based parents to take any questions you may have. Please register to attend here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6dH3dRMDQiSsDVegJJRleA

Importance of Guardianship

It continues to be the case that our international boarders will need to have a guardian who can collect and look after them if necessary. There are any number of reasons why this may be the case, not least the pupil being required to isolate after the end of term.

We are looking forward to welcoming your children back to school in the coming weeks, be that for the rest of this term or at the start of the Summer Term. The next period of the academic year is always an exciting one and the guidance indicates that we will be able to enjoy the full programme of activities and experiences that makes Stonar such a special place to be at this time of year.

Please do let us know if you have any questions.

Kind regards,



Matthew Way
Headmaster