



# Ackworth School

## **Your Questions Answered International Arrivals – 2020**

### **What date will Ackworth School re open for international boarders?**

We expect to be in a position to welcome our international boarders back from Monday 7 September from 2pm providing they have quarantined for 14 days. The UK Government have reassured us that schools will be one of the first sectors to be able to operate as normal, with some of our day pupils returning to school from June 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **What are the implications of my son/daughter not arriving in the UK for the start of term?**

For pupils that are unable to return at the start of term, we will continue to offer remote learning until such time that they can travel safely to the UK. We will encourage all pupils unable to be at school to join all of the group lessons via online sources as if they were here. Our teachers will continue to offer high quality remote teaching.

There will be no sanctions for any pupils arriving late due to travel restrictions or any other reason relating to the pandemic.

### **Will Ackworth School be insisting on a quarantine period for international boarders?**

We will be following the government guidelines which insists on a 14-day quarantine period for all international arrivals into the UK. We anticipate that we will be able to invite our international pupils back in August to avoid this 14-day period affecting their contact time with teachers during the term. The pupils will reside in one of our boarding houses with en-suite facilities and will be looked after by our experienced Summer School staff. We will follow an intense programme of academic lessons and social activities. Whilst these are unprecedented times, this is a great opportunity to be able to offer our international community an extended induction period and help them return to regular school routines before the start of term.

We will issue further details in the coming weeks.

### **Will you be offering airport transfers?**

Yes, we will be offering our regular airport transfer service and in addition, we will have a school representative at the airport to meet the pupils on arrival to help our pupils pass smoothly through passport control in the unlikely event that there are any issues.

### **Do pupils have to go to a guardian during the October Half Term?**



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We will be making adequate arrangements for all of our international boarders to remain at school during the October half term break. We will issue further details in due course.

## **Will you be able to offer COVID-19 tests to pupils?**

We will be in a position to offer testing to any symptomatic pupil.

## **Will there be regular temperature checks for staff and pupils?**

We will be checking temperatures regularly for pupils and staff and also carrying out random spot checks on any suspected cases.

## **Will pupils and staff be wearing face masks?**

Whilst we won't be insisting on pupils and staff wearing face masks, pupils can wear them if they feel safer as a result.

## **Will hand sanitiser be readily available across the school campus?**

Hand sanitiser will be available in all of our school buildings, including all bathrooms and our boarding houses. Hand washing will be encouraged, along with other good hygiene measures. Portable hand washing basins have been distributed across the school.

## **What measures are in place for cleaning communal areas, laundry and bedding?**

An enhanced cleaning regime has been put in place across the whole school, including the boarding houses. All laundry will be bagged and double bagged for a minimum of 72 hours before washing, using recommended products as per government guidelines.

## **How will social distancing work?**

Social distancing guidelines will be issued at the start of term, including video tutorials for each year group. We will be led by the government advice and will educate all of our pupils as measures are amended.

\*Social distancing guidelines are subject to change as per government advice

## **What will happen if my child becomes ill with COVID-19?**

Any child that becomes ill will be isolated immediately in a separate building, they will be cared for 24/7 by a member of staff and we will arrange immediate medical assistance and advice. We will notify parent/guardian at the earliest opportunity.



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## **How will my son/daughter enjoy the social aspect of boarding without feeling isolated?**

We will encourage our boarders to safely participate in at least 3 activities/clubs per week. Detailed planning is in place to be able to offer our boarders a variety of social activities adapted within social distancing guidelines. We will also be encouraging a heightened interaction with our boarding staff.

## **If there is another lockdown as a result of Covid-19, how will Ackworth School manage this?**

Using our experience, we will act in the safest and most responsible way to ensure that all of our pupils have access to an online education. We will continue to invest and develop in this area. We will also work towards keeping as many boarders as safely as we can on site.

## **How will this affect my Tier 4 Visa application if I am applying for a new visa**

We will continue to follow advice from the home office and will be in contact with you shortly with regards to the documents we require to enable us to issue Confirmation of Acceptance of Studies (CAS) Certificates. When you receive your CAS you can then make an application to the UK Embassy after 1 June to apply for a Tier 4 Visa. Please give enough time when applying for your visa as we are expecting that there will be delays.

## **Fees**

If, for a reason related to COVID-19, any pupil cannot begin school in either September or October, we will refund the deposit paid on acceptance.

## **Deferring Entry**

It is our preference that new pupils will follow the guidelines set out above. However, Ackworth School will adopt a flexible approach to deferrals. Any new starter for September 2020 who wishes to defer entry until January 2021 should contact us on [admissions@ackworthschool.com](mailto:admissions@ackworthschool.com) and our admissions team will assist you.

If you have any further questions, please contact our admissions office:  
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