



from Tom Lawson MA (Oxon), Headmaster

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Dear Parents,

Coronavirus (now known as Covid-19) update

Travel / overseas pupils

The [latest advice from the UK government](#) and the BSA has extended the area of concern beyond China and Hong Kong to Thailand, Japan, Republic of Korea, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia or Macau.

In order to minimise risk in our school communities any pupil who travels to, or comes into direct contact with anyone travelling from, those countries / areas at this time, will not be able to return to school until they have been in the UK for 14 days after contact and shown no symptoms.

Pending further updates, we now expect restrictions to be in place for the Easter holidays. We would advise parents to make plans for the Easter holidays that ensure that pupils do not travel to the areas above and that anyone visiting from those areas is aware that pupils will have to be 14-days free of symptoms in the UK after contact with them.

As always, we are mindful of the distress to pupils and their families and we are doing our best to reassure all concerned. Please do contact the schools for further details, advice and reassurance giving your personal circumstances.

- Eastbourne College: medical@eastbourne-college.co.uk
- St Andrew's Prep: medical@standrewsprep.co.uk
- Half-term contact: Mrs Abbey Gough, Chief Operating Officer: aemgough@eastbourne-college.co.uk

We advise that parents contact guardians to make arrangements necessary for the Easter holidays.

Options in the Easter Holidays

Other arrangements may be possible for some of the holidays. We have spoken to the residential activities company that is using the College and they may be able to offer places for up to two weeks for our pupils.

If you would like to register an interest for this possible option, please contact: boxoffice@eastbourne-college.co.uk.

Additionally, the guardianship agencies have informed us that the following external camps may have availability at other UK venues during the holidays. The name of the company and contact details are below (many of these are suitable for age 14 and above only, please check carefully):

Academic Families – Half term trips – Lorna Clayton: lorna@academicfamilies.com
Bright World Guardianships – Half term and Easter Programmes – Charlotte Hamson: charlotte@brightworld.co.uk
Connexcel – Easter Programmes - John Zhang and Katie Nie: info@connexcel.co.uk
Etherton Education – Easter Revision Course - Peter Etherton: peter@ethertoneducation.com
James-Lee Consultancy – Easter Programme - Irene Lee: irene.lee@jamesleeconsultancy.com
Living Learning English – Half term & Easter Programmes - Kate Hargreaves: Kate@livingenglish.com
Oxford Guardians – Half term and Easter Programmes – Sarah Bacon: sarah@oxfordguardians.com
Quest Guardians Ltd - Richard Cullum: office@questguardians.co.uk
UK2Learn - 2 week Summer Programme - Suzie Mackie: smackie@uk2learn.com

Cases in Sussex

There have been a small number of diagnosed cases of Covid-19 in Sussex following the return of a Brighton man from travel in the Asia Pacific region. There has also been precautionary isolation of two individuals in local schools suspected to have had contact with cases in Brighton.

Eastbourne College and St Andrew's are taking preventative measures and actively identifying and mitigating any possible local risks. We will, of course, update parents immediately if there are significant risks or we need to undertake more stringent measures.

The situation is developing and we will continue to update parents regularly. We thank you for your understanding.

Pupils showing symptoms

If any pupil shows any symptoms, irrespective of their travel or location, please take normal medical advice and please notify the medical centre before the pupil returns to school so advice can be given and supportive measures taken. All pupils and staff at school are being encouraged in the best hygiene practices.

Yours sincerely,

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